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President's Message

Dear Members:

As I take on the challenging and exciting task of serving as President for the Illinois Ornithological Society, I find myself in good company. Many well-respected members of the birding community have held this position beginning with Eric Walters who turned the idea of IOS into a fledgling organization, and continuing with the presidential guidance of Bob Montgomery, Geoff Williamson, and Michael Hogg. Each of these IOS leaders has taken this organization one step further in its mission. Our immediate past president, Michael Hogg has been actively involved in IOS from the first day, providing professionalism and level-headed guidance.

With patience and careful nurturing, presidents, board members, and our many supporters have helped IOS grow and prosper. We now offer a field trip nearly every month of the year. The Carlyle pelagic field trip fills every year. The Shorebird Spectacular is an annual event, (if water levels hold.) The Gull Frolic has become the social event of the year, and helps raise funds for grant programs, initiated by IOS in 2004. You are now hearing about these projects in *Meadowlark*. For example, two issues ago we featured the important work on golden-plovers being done in Illinois, which IOS helped support through our grant program. This year, we have received ten grant applications, the largest number ever.

IOS also maintains the permanent state records of Illinois birds and bird life and the official checklist of Birds of Illinois. You will find the latest edition of the IOS field card included in this mailing. This revised list reflects changes in taxonomical order and occurrences in Illinois.

The future of our organization is children. To encourage young birders we are planning ways to connect them, engage them, get them out in the field, and cultivate their interest in birds. We have also begun planning and testing enhancements to the IOS website. This will include online resources that only IOS can provide as well as improved e-commerce, and a member's only section.

I'm happy to be working this year with a talented, energetic board: Steve Bailey, Joan Bruchman, Jeff Chapman, Scott Cohrs, Brian Herriott, Marj Lundy, Jeff Walk, and Barbara Williams. In addition we have many non-board members helping with important activities such as leading field trips, writing for the publications, contributing to grants, managing our finances, and coordinating IOS projects.

Please consider upgrading your membership to a sponsor or contributor level when you renew. I'd love to hear from you so we can put your great talents and skills to use.

Jenny Vogt,
President

Letter from the Editor

"Common" sense in birding

The winter has been long, snowy, and cold. But we birders have been cheered by the presence of White-winged Crossbills, Common Redpolls, and even a few Hoary Redpolls, keeping our binoculars at the ready to see where and when we might find another winter finch. (And we actually have a couple of exciting birds up here in northern and central Illinois that those deep Southern Illinois birders had to drive north to see!)

While I adore spring, I must say that as the Red-winged Blackbirds start singing in the back yard and House Finches start fighting with their voices for territory, I'm getting sad. You see, I've been extremely blessed with sometimes up to 120 Common Redpolls at my nyger feeders and on the ground, and eating snow on the top of my garage – nearly all winter!! They are still here in March as I write this note, and I've had White-winged Crossbills in both the Douglas fir and the Colorado blue spruce in my yard.

Just as with the record Great Gray Owl invasion in Minnesota several years ago, there might not be a crossbill/redpoll invasion like this for decades. One can get almost complacent and ho-hum about driving through an Illinois suburban neighborhood filled with conifers and finding a couple more pink birds with white wing bars prying open cones for the protein inside.

One can get complacent about almost any "common" bird. The robins are back, declares a non-birding friend, to which a birder, myself included, feels compelled to say, "Yeah, yeah, but did you know they are here year-round and they're not really harbingers of spring?"

One of my favorite birders – you all know who he is – has been going out nearly every day this fall and winter to get his White-winged Crossbill fix. I admire that passion. I admire the joy that comes with seeing yet another pink bird in a tree, and observing its behavior.

And I've found in the past few years that just watching a cardinal fly, a gull take a curve in the wind, a finch preen, can still bring me joy – especially in these difficult economic times when we begin to remember that the best things in life truly are free.

Sharing the joy of watching a "common" bird with a beginning birder is so fulfilling. I took a 10-year-old boy out to Illinois Beach State Park this winter and found him a Common Goldeneye. You would think he had seen an Ivory-billed Woodpecker, he was so excited.

While you're out reveling in spring migration and tallying species on the annual spring bird count, perhaps you've got a moment to show a newbie birder his or her first Indigo Bunting or even an American Goldfinch male all decked out in his handsome new nuptial plumage.

Sheryl DeVore

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Illinois Breeding Bird Population Trends:

1980 – 2006

By James R. Herkert

Introduction

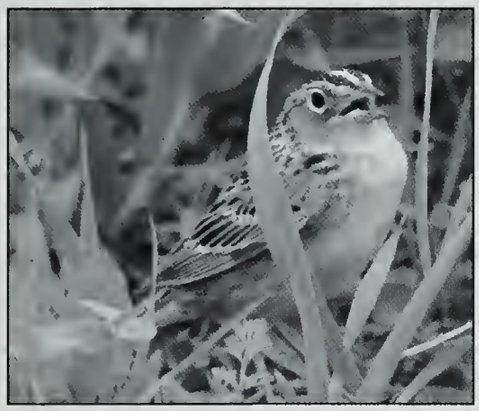
The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is a roadside survey of birds conducted annually in the continental United States and southern Canada (although some routes have recently been added in Alaska and northern Mexico). The survey program was designed by Chandler Robbins and his colleagues at the Migratory Bird Population Station (now the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center) in Laurel, Maryland in the 1960s (Sauer et al. 1997). The survey program was field tested during 1965, and the North American BBS was formally launched in 1966 with the running of 533 routes in the eastern U.S. and Canada (Sauer et al. 1997). After its launch, the program continued to expand and by 1968, 2000 routes had been established across the contiguous 48 states and southern Canada (Sauer et al. 1997). The surveys are conducted during the peak of the nesting season in June and consist of 24.5 mile long routes along secondary roads in which experienced observers stop at 0.5 mile intervals along the route and record all the birds seen or heard during a three-minute period. The primary objective of the BBS has been the estimation of population change for songbirds. The data have many other potential uses, however, and researchers have recently used BBS data to show how bird species respond to land use changes (e.g., Murphy 2003) or how birds respond to large-scale conservation programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (e.g., Veech 2006). BBS data also play an important role in identifying bird species of concern, such as Audubon's Watch List (National Audubon Society 2007) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Birds of Conservation Concern list (United States Fish and Wildlife Service 2002).

Within Illinois the BBS was initiated in 1966 with the running of 15 of the state's 64 initial routes. The number of routes within Illinois remained at 64 until 1993 when another 17 routes were established. Nineteen more routes were added in 2001 bringing the current total of routes in the state to 100, a number that is exceeded by only three other states (Texas, California, Colorado).

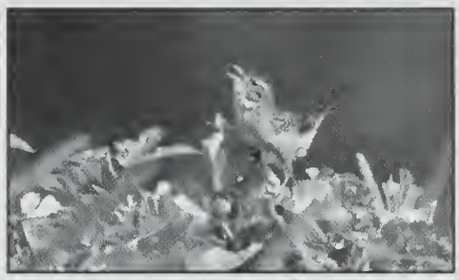
Here I use data from the BBS for the period 1980-2006 to assess recent population trends of Illinois birds and also to evaluate life-history traits that are associated with these trends. I used two life-history groupings of birds, one based on species-habitat associations (grassland, wetland/open water, shrubland/early successional, woodland, and urban) and another based on migratory strategies (long-distance migrants, short-distance migrants, and permanent residents). Assignment of birds to groups followed the classification system developed for Midwestern BBS data by Herkert (1995), with supplemental information extracted from Sauer et al. (2007). Within each life-history category each bird species was assigned to only one group. Short-distance migrants included species that breed in Illinois and spend their non-breeding period in other areas of the United States. Long-distance migrants included species that breed in Illinois and spend their non-breeding period primarily south of the United States. Permanent residents included species that breed and winter extensively in Illinois. I limited my comparisons to species that have been encountered on at least 14 BBS routes within Illinois between 1980-2006. Estimates of Illinois breeding bird population trends used in this analysis were obtained from the BBS Website (http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/) and are shown in Table 1.

Fifty-nine of the 101 (58%) Illinois breeding bird species examined (Table 1) had increasing population trends between 1980-2006. The Eurasian Collared-Dove (+144.2%/year), Wild Turkey (+21.7%/year), Sedge Wren (+19.5%, year), Turkey Vulture (+14.3%/year), and Great Egret (+14.2%/year) were the five species that showed the greatest estimated population increases within Illinois between 1980-2006. Bobolink (-9.5%/year), Savannah Sparrow (-7.8%/year), Grasshopper Sparrow (-6.6%/year), Red-headed Woodpecker (-5.6%/year), Kentucky Warbler (-4.6%/year) and Loggerhead Shrike (-4.3%/year) exhibited the greatest estimated statewide declines during this interval (Table 1).

The comparison of mean trends among guilds showed that grassland birds had the worst mean trend, and were the only guild with an overall mean negative trend within Illinois (Table 2). The grassland bird guild also had the lowest percentage of increasing species (Table 1), with just 10% of the grassland species showing positive trends in the state.



Grasshopper Sparrow numbers continue to decline on Illinois Breeding Bird Survey routes. Ken Schneider took this photo at Nelson Lake in Kane County on 3 June 2008.



Sedge Wren numbers have been rising on Illinois Breeding Bird Survey routes. Ken Schneider took this photo at Nelson Lake in Kane County on 16 June 2008.

Birds associated with urban habitats had the highest overall mean trend as a group and the wetland/open water guild contained the highest percentage of increasing species (Table 2).

All three of the migratory guilds had overall mean trends that were positive. Permanent-residents had the highest overall mean trend (+8.6%/year) and also the highest percentage of increasing species (65%). Long-distance migrants had the lowest percentage of increasing species among the migratory guild (52%) and also was the migratory guild with the lowest mean trend (+1.1%/year).

The BBS data show that population declines among Illinois bird species have not been equally distributed among bird guilds. In particular, grassland birds have declined more extensively in Illinois than have other groups of birds. Some of these population declines have been sizeable and point to a questionable future for some species unless the causes of these declines can be identified and efforts to reverse them begun. For example, the estimated 9.9% mean annual decline for the Bobolink within the state (Table 1) is equivalent to a cumulative decline of more than 92% for this species between 1980 and 2006. Two other grassland birds, the Savannah Sparrow and Grasshopper Sparrow, have also experienced considerable cumulative declines, estimated at over 80% since 1980. Another eight species (Red-headed Woodpecker, Kentucky Warbler, Loggerhead Shrike, House Sparrow, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, Northern Flicker, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo) have estimated cumulative declines of 50% or greater between 1980-2006 (i.e., annual declines of 2.6%/year or greater: Table 1). The causal factors for these grassland bird declines are most likely attributable to changing land-use practices that have substantially reduced the amount and quality of grassland nesting habitat in the state (e.g., Herkert 1991; Warner 1994, Ward et al. 2008a).

Presently fewer than 1% of Illinois' historic 8.9 million ha of tallgrass prairie remains (Samson and Knopf 1994). Yet grassland birds within the state have proved to be remarkably resilient and very few birds of Illinois' prairies have been extirpated as a result of this habitat loss (e.g., Herkert 1991). Initially, grassland birds were successful in shifting from native to agriculturally associated grasslands as these agricultural grasslands replaced the Illinois prairies (Graber and Graber,

TABLE 1.

Recent population trends of Illinois breeding birds (1980-2006), based on data from the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) in Illinois. Trends are expressed as percent per year change in population size. Species habitat associations and migratory strategies are also shown. The number of BBS routes on which the species' Illinois trend is based on is also shown. Asterisks indicate the statistical significance of the trend (* = $P < 0.05$, ** = $P < 0.01$).

Species	Migratory Strategy[a]	Habitat Association[b]	Population Trend (%/year)	Number of BBS Routes in Illinois
Great Blue Heron	LDM	Wet/Open	7.5**	97
Great Egret	LDM	Wet/Open	14.2*	20
Green Heron	LDM	Wet/Open	0.2	80
Turkey Vulture	SDM	Wood	14.3**	60
Canada Goose	SDM	Wet/Open	9.3**	75
Wood Duck	SDM	Wet/Open	2.2	62
Mallard	SDM	Wet/Open	1.6	80
Cooper's Hawk	SDM	Wood	9.6	15
Red-tailed Hawk	SDM	Wood	7.2**	98
American Kestrel	SDM	Shrub	8.3**	97
Ring-necked Pheasant	PR	Grass	-1.8*	69
Wild Turkey	PR	Wood	21.7**	50
Northern Bobwhite	PR	Shrub	-1.6**	90
Killdeer	SDM	Wet/Open	5.6**	101
Rock Dove	PR	Urban	-3.8**	100
Eurasian Collared-Dove	PR	Urban	144.2*	15
Mourning Dove	SDM	Urban	2.2**	101
Black-billed Cuckoo	LDM	Wood	-2.0	24
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	LDM	Wood	-2.6**	89
Great Horned Owl	PR	Wood	0.1	46
Barred Owl	PR	Wood	0.6	26

1963). However, one of the most striking changes in the Illinois landscape over the last 100 years has been the loss of pasture, hay, and small grains (Ward et al. 2008a). In 1900, these three habitats accounted for 50% of the state's area, but by 2000 had been reduced to just 7% (Ward et al. 2008a). The loss of these secondary grasslands—mostly to row-crop agriculture—has undoubtedly displaced relatively large numbers of grassland birds within Illinois.

Wetland birds are not well sampled by the BBS's roadside survey methodology (Herkert 1995), and therefore the wetland bird guild trend included here may be somewhat misleading. BBS data suggest that the status of wetland birds in the state may be relatively good with a positive overall mean trend and more increasing than decreasing species (Table 2). However, this pattern is largely driven by a few species that are showing large estimated population increases such as Canada Goose and Great Egret (Table 1). Recent analyses of long-term data focused specifically on wetlands in northeastern Illinois, however, have shown that a majority of wetland bird species in this area are significantly declining with populations of Common Moorhen, American Coot, Blue-winged Teal, Black Tern, Sora, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Least Bittern all showing signs of significant population declines (Ward et al. 2008b). All seven of these species are too rarely detected on the BBS within Illinois for reliable trend estimation.

BBS data can be viewed as indicators of the overall health of regional bird communities (Peterjohn and Sauer 1994), and as such these data indicate that grassland birds are not doing well within Illinois. For other groups of birds, overall trends appear to be better but all of these groups include individual species that are showing signs of significant population declines within Illinois and therefore may need some conservation attention.

Table 1, *continued*

Species	Migratory Strategy[a]	Habitat Association[b]	Population Trend (%/year)	Number of BBS Routes in Illinois
Chimney Swift	LDM	Urban	-3.6**	100
Ruby-thr. Hummingbird	LDM	Wood	8.4*	45
Belted Kingfisher	LDM	Wet/Open	1.2	57
Red-headed Woodpecker	SDM	Wood	-5.6**	95
Red-bellied Woodpecker	PR	Wood	1.9*	96
Downy Woodpecker	PR	Wood	-1.0	89
Hairy Woodpecker	PR	Wood	2.0	50
Northern Flicker	SDM	Wood	-2.7**	95
Pileated Woodpecker	PR	Wood	3.9*	26
Eastern Wood-Pewee	LDM	Wood	0.1	97
Acadian Flycatcher	LDM	Wood	-2.3	26
Willow Flycatcher	LDM	Shrub	-1.7	64
Eastern Phoebe	SDM	Wood	6.4**	89
Grt. Crested Flycatcher	LDM	Wood	-0.4	93
Eastern Kingbird	LDM	Shrub	-0.4	100
Loggerhead Shrike	SDM	Shrub	-4.3*	34
White-eyed Vireo	LDM	Shrub	-0.2	31
Bell's Vireo	LDM	Shrub	3.6	20
Yellow-throated Vireo	LDM	Wood	1.8	54
Warbling Vireo	LDM	Wood	2.6**	98
Red-eyed Vireo	LDM	Wood	0.8	78
Blue Jay	SDM	Urban	-2.3**	100
American Crow	SDM	Wood	-0.7	101
Horned Lark	SDM	Grass	-2.5**	96
Purple Martin	LDM	Urban	-0.9	76
Tree Swallow	SDM	-	6.3	56
N. Rough-winged Swallow	LDM	-	2.5*	89
Bank Swallow	LDM	-	-0.4	22
Cliff Swallow	LDM	-	11.7**	46
Barn Swallow	LDM	-	0.3	101
Carolina Chickadee	PR	Wood	-0.5	30
Black-capped Chickadee	PR	Wood	-1.1	58
Tufted Titmouse	PR	Wood	0.2	83
White-breasted Nuthatch	PR	Wood	1.8	85
Carolina Wren	PR	Shrub	5.7**	67
House Wren	LDM	Shrub	1.8*	96
Sedge Wren	SDM	Grass	19.5	22
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	LDM	Wood	-0.9	60
Eastern Bluebird	SDM	Shrub	6.1**	91
Wood Thrush	LDM	Wood	-1.0	76
American Robin	SDM	Urban	2.5**	101
Gray Catbird	LDM	Shrub	0.3	98
Northern Mockingbird	PR	Urban	1.0*	72
Brown Thrasher	SDM	Shrub	-1.2*	98
European Starling	SDM	Urban	0.5	101
Cedar Waxwing	SDM	Wood	8.7**	93
Northern Parula	LDM	Wood	4.4	34
Yellow Warbler	LDM	Shrub	4.4*	70
American Redstart	LDM	Wood	5.1	19
Prothonotary Warbler	LDM	Wood	4.1	20
Kentucky Warbler	LDM	Wood	-4.6	24
Common Yellowthroat	LDM	Shrub	-0.8	101
Yellow-breasted Chat	LDM	Shrub	-1.8	50
Summer Tanager	LDM	Wood	9.6**	26
Scarlet Tanager	LDM	Wood	1.8	48
Eastern Towhee	SDM	Shrub	0.6	80

Table 1, *continued*

Species	Migratory Strategy[a]	Habitat Association[b]	Population Trend (%/year)	Number of BBS Routes in Illinois
Chipping Sparrow	LDM	Urban	6.5**	101
Field Sparrow	SDM	Shrub	-2.2**	95
Vesper Sparrow	SDM	Grass	-0.5	70
Lark Sparrow	LDM	Shrub	4.0	26
Savannah Sparrow	SDM	Grass	-7.8*	41
Grasshopper Sparrow	LDM	Grass	-6.6**	86
Song Sparrow	SDM	Shrub	0.4	101
Northern Cardinal	PR	Shrub	0.1	101
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	LDM	Wood	-0.1	81
Blue Grosbeak	LDM	Shrub	6.2*	33
Indigo Bunting	LDM	Shrub	-0.1	101
Dickcissel	LDM	Grass	-1.6*	99
Bobolink	LDM	Grass	-9.5**	41
Red-winged Blackbird	SDM	Wet/Open	-0.1	101
Eastern Meadowlark	SDM	Grass	-0.9*	99
Western Meadowlark	SDM	Grass	-0.7	47
Common Grackle	SDM	Urban	1.5*	101
Brown-headed Cowbird	SDM	-	1.1	101
Orchard Oriole	LDM	Shrub	-0.7	78
Baltimore Oriole	LDM	Wood	-0.6	101
House Finch	SDM	Urban	11.7**	99
American Goldfinch	SDM	Shrub	1.1	101
House Sparrow	PR	Urban	-4.1**	101
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	PR	Urban	2.9	25

[a]Migratory Strategies: LDM = long-distant migrant, SDM = short-distance migrant, PR = Permanent Resident.

[b]Habitat Associations: Grass = grassland habitats, WET/OPEN = wetland and open water habitats, Shrub = shrubland and early successional habitats, Wood = woodland habitats, and Urban = urban habitats.

Table 2.

Recent (1980-2006) population trends for Illinois breeding birds summarized by habitat association and migratory guilds. Only breeding bird species that occurred on 14 or more Illinois BBS routes are included. Species guild assignments are shown in Table 1.

Guild	Number of breeding species on BBS (>14 routes)	Percentage of breeding species Increasing on BBS (%)	Mean annual BBS population trend 1980 – 2006 Mean (SE)	
HABITAT[a]				
Grassland	10	10.0	-1.24	(2.52)
Shrubland/Successional	24	54.2	+1.15	(0.65)
Urban	14	64.3	+11.30	(10.28)
Wetland & open water	9	88.9	+4.63	(1.63)
Woodland	38	60.5	+2.39	(0.87)
MIGRATION				
Long-distance migrants	46	52.2	+1.10	(0.67)
Permanent residents	20	65.0	+8.61	(7.23)
Short-distance migrants	35	62.8	+2.66	(1.03)

[a] *Excludes the Brown-headed Cowbird (which is a nest parasite of birds in all habitats) and swallows.*

From a broader view, the National Audubon Society's recent State of the Birds Report (Butcher and Niven 2007) found that 6 of the nation's top 10 declining common bird species have significant parts of their range within Illinois (Pollock 2008). Therefore stabilizing bird populations here in Illinois may provide broad population benefits for these declining species. Research is showing what it may take to stabilize bird numbers in Illinois (Pollock 2008). Resources, political will and concerned and observant management can reverse these declines, but as Pollock (2008) recently pointed out – it won't be easy.

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Bird Finding Guide: Boone County

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One of the few places left in Illinois where Cerulean Warblers likely breed is in Boone County. This male Cerulean Warbler was photographed at McClaughrey Springs, Palos Preserves, Cook County on 29 May 2009 by Nolan Lameka.

Boone County is in the northernmost tier of Illinois counties that border the Wisconsin state line; it is slightly east of equidistant between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River. I-90 bisects Boone County on an east-west axis. It is a relatively small county of 282 square miles, with one of those miles being covered with water (mostly the Kishwaukee River and feeder creeks). It has a population of approximately 51,500, mostly in its county seat, Belvidere (est. pop. 23,000), although development in the county has surged in the past decade, and many new subdivisions have sprung up in what were once agricultural fields. The current population is up about 9,000 (+21%) from the 2000 census.

The county is predominantly agricultural, but there are several enjoyable places for birding, and the Boone County Conservation District (BCCD) is working to acquire many of the remaining natural areas. This article will survey several locations attractive to migrating and nesting birds.

Geographic Features

Boone County was historically tallgrass prairie and savanna, which made it ideal for settlement and agriculture. The most extensive area of marsh and wetland lies in the southeastern quadrant of the county, south of Garden Prairie, along Coon Creek, a tributary of the Kishwaukee River. Seasonal flooding frequently keeps this area from being productive for agriculture. The Kishwaukee River is a very high-quality stream which runs through the county, passing through Belvidere and entering Winnebago County to the west. The Boone County Conservation District has obtained a number of properties along the river, some of which it is replanting with native trees and prairie plants.

The northwestern portion of the county becomes more rolling and is bisected by Kinnikinnick Creek, another high-quality stream. The creek has carved its way through some hilly areas, creating cool ravines and dells which are attractive to a number of species of birds.

Garden Prairie Slough

Garden Prairie Slough is the local name for a permanent marsh and seasonally flooded wetlands that lie along Coon Creek in southeastern Boone County. Historically, this entire area was probably wet prairie and marshland. Garden Prairie lies nearly on the McHenry County line, and the respective county conservation districts, in conjunction with Illinois Department of Natural

Dickcissels nest in Boone County grasslands. Mary Kay Rubey took this photo of a Dickcissel at another place where they nest in Illinois, Nachusa Grasslands.

Resources, have received grants to purchase land from willing sellers to create a new wetland conservation area.

To get to Garden Prairie Slough, take US 20 west from Marengo to Garden Prairie Road, just west of the McHenry/Boone County line. (If coming from the west, take US 20 east from Belvidere to Garden Prairie Road). Turn south on Garden Prairie Road and proceed about 1.5 miles to the bridge over Coon Creek. Be sure to check the grain elevator about one-half mile down the road for Eurasian Collared-Doves. Immediately after crossing the bridge over Coon Creek, a cattail marsh will appear on your right (west), with some areas of open water. Yellow-headed Blackbirds have nested here, but have been absent for the past four to five years, presumably as the result of lower water levels during dry years.

Check both sides of the road and, when you get to Slough Road, about one-half mile south of the bridge, turn left and check for flooded fields and birds along the north side of the road after you go east of the hunt club barn.

The best time to visit is March and April, when the flooded fields are attractive to migrating waterfowl. Sometimes the water covers hundreds of acres. At this time, look for Tundra and Trumpeter Swans, 5 species of geese, puddle ducks, and a few species of diving ducks. The divers, which prefer deeper water, normally aren't found here. In May, listen around the cattail marsh for American and Least Bitterns, Sora, and Virginia, and, occasionally, King Rails. If the surrounding plowed fields are still holding shallow water, this can be a particularly good place for shorebirds. The 2004 IOS annual meeting in Rockford had a field trip to the slough which produced a wide variety of late-migrating shorebirds, including White-rumped Sandpipers and a variety of other peeps. Hudsonian Godwits put in an appearance in 2007, and Black-necked Stilts have been recorded there twice. Keep an eye out for unusual waders. Osprey and Peregrine Falcons have been seen here quite often in migration.

The farm fields at the southern end of the marsh are often good places to find shorebirds. Recent planting and management changes in the property no longer result in seasonal plowing, so the former mud flats are not as extensive as they once were, resulting in reduced visibility for shorebird watching. Still, Wilson's Snipe are plentiful in March and April. This is also the area where a Garganey was found in a large flock of Blue-winged Teal in May 1999. Sandhill Cranes nest here.

In winter, the area should be checked for Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, and Northern Shrike.

Several local hunting clubs now own extensive tracts of the floodplain and their property is private. No entry by birders is permitted, so birding must be done from the road right-of-way. Don't be surprised to see Ring-necked Pheasants wandering along the roadsides, but they are probably releases from the hunt clubs.

Distillery and LIB Conservation Areas

Distillery and LIB Conservation areas straddle the Kishwaukee River west of the city of Belvidere. Each must be accessed separately. To reach the parking lot at Distillery, take US 20 west from Belvidere about 2.5 miles to Distillery Road. Turn left on Distillery and go 1.5 miles to the end and parking lot. To reach LIB, go west from Belvidere about 2.5 miles on Newburg Road to the well-marked entrance on the north side of the road. The parking lot is immediately adjacent to the road. Trail maps are at the parking lot display boards, or can be obtained from the Boone County Conservation District headquarters.

Distillery is primarily a large area of open grassland abutting riparian woods along the river, with several tracts of upland hardwood on the ridges and higher areas. Boone County Conservation District has undertaken a project to plant extensive native prairie plants. From the parking lot, at the eastern end of the trail loop, there is a low ridge of hardwood trees. Running parallel to the ridge on the west is an area of cool season grasses. This area held Henslow's Sparrows for several years, although they move elsewhere after the area is burned. The new grasslands are attracting Bobolinks and Dickcissels, as well as Sedge Wrens, Field and Savannah Sparrows, Eastern Meadowlarks, Eastern Towhees (in the shrubby areas), and occasionally Northern Shrike in winter. Infrequently, Northern Mockingbirds occur. Look for Osprey over the river in migration, and Bald Eagles in winter and early spring. The grassland trail is a good place to look for a variety of migrant and wintering sparrow species.

The canoe launch at Distillery has been a fairly reliable spot to find Yellow-throated Warblers in spring and early summer. Check the sycamore trees just west (downstream) from the boat launch. Also look and listen for Cerulean Warbler, Northern Parula, and nesting Yellow-billed Cuckoo. In spring, this is an excellent location to find Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers.

Across the river at LIB, trails wind through stands of taller scrub vegetation, most notably hawthorn. This area is attractive to White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Blue-winged Warblers. The trail also borders some oxbow marshes and enters floodplain forest along the river. As compared to Distillery, LIB tends to be better for migrant passerines. A good place to find migrants is the trail that runs under the high power lines between the parking lot and the river. Turn left (downstream) along the river, passing through the forest (good for thrushes here, particularly Veery) and out through the tall scrub in the northwestern portion of the property. Barred Owl and Wood Thrush are among the nesting species.

In winter, LIB often has flocks of Cedar Waxwings, lingering Hermit Thrushes (in the floodplain forest and scrub at the edge), occasional Northern Shrikes, Northern Mockingbirds, and a number of species of sparrows, including Song, Swamp, American Tree, White-crowned, and White-throated.

Kinnikinnick Conservation Area

Kinnikinnick is in northwestern Boone County, just northwest of the town of Caledonia. Take IL 173 west of Caledonia to Caledonia Road and turn north, proceeding 3.2 miles to the entrance, which is on the left just after you cross Wyman School Road.

Kinnikinnick has a variety of habitats, including hardwood forest with ravines through which a creek passes. This is an excellent location to find migrating passerines in both spring and fall. Carolina Wrens are occasional in the ravines in spring and early summer and, rarely, in winter. It is likely that you will see and/or hear a Veery in spring and early summer on the slopes. I found a Worm-eating Warbler one spring, and Pileated Woodpeckers are seen and heard intermittently. Acadian Flycatchers also nest here.

There are two extensive tracts of conifers which hold owls in winter. Check here for Cooper's Hawk and, rarely, Northern Goshawk, plus Barred and Great Horned Owl. The pines occasionally attract crossbills in winter, but, more commonly, Pine Siskins. A Pine Grosbeak was reported here in February 2009, and awaits documentation.

NOTE: BCCD closes Distillery, LIB, and Kinnikinnick on some selected fall weekends to allow hunting on the properties. Please call the headquarters number at the end of this article to check for closure dates before planning a fall weekend birding trip to those properties.

Cooling Sod Farm

This sod farm is located on Wheeler Road, south of US 20, just east of Cherry Valley, Illinois. The sod fields attract migrating Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Upland Sandpipers, Black-bellied Plovers, American Golden-Plovers and, more recently, Brewer's Blackbirds, from late July through September. In December, Baumann Park in Cherry Valley (Winnebago County) attracts gulls, but the gulls frequently loaf out on the sod farm in Boone County. The presence of gulls is probably related to nearby dumps on the Winnebago-Ogle County lines to the southwest of Cherry Valley.

From I-90, exit at MM 61 toward I-39. Take the Harrison Avenue exit east, toward Belvidere. Cross back under I-39, cross the Kishwaukee River bridge at Cherry Valley, and keep going east about 1.5 miles to Wheeler Road (there is a gas station on the corner). Turn south on Wheeler and, almost immediately, you will be passing through the sod farm property. Early morning is best because the sun will be behind you. Look west, where the fields are most extensive. The traffic is fast on Wheeler, so pull out only on the gravel pads that lead to the fields so that you can get completely off of the roadway.

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About 1.5 miles on Wheeler, you will come to Rossiter Road. Turn right and scan for the next three-tenths of a mile before coming to Cherry Valley Road. Turn right on to Cherry Valley Road. In about one-fourth of a mile you will come to a gravel driveway that leads into the sod fields. There is an irrigation pump building at the intersection of the gravel driveway and Cherry Valley Road. Here is a very spacious area where you can pull off and scope to the north and northeast. This spot is particularly good in mid- to late-afternoon.

Spencer Conservation Area

This is another property owned by the Boone County Conservation District. It is on the southwest side of Belvidere, and is connected to Belvidere Park along the Kishwaukee River by a foot trail. This is a reliable spot for Orchard Orioles, and Sandhill Cranes have nested on the north side of the property behind the flooded gravel pit. Olive-sided Flycatchers are often seen in this park in late-May to early June, and in September. This area can be productive in migration and for winter residents, particularly near the gravel pit before the water freezes.

Belvidere City Parks

Belvidere Park, on Appleton Road in southwest Belvidere, is a fairly typical urban park set on the shores of the Kishwaukee River. There is a dam in the park, and the water below the dam is open all winter, even in the coldest weather. The open water below the dam attracts

waterfowl, with the primary species being Canada Goose and Mallard, but American Black Duck and occasional puddle ducks can sometimes be found in the flock.

Spring and fall migrations are usually the best times to visit, with waterfowl during winter when water in other parts of the area is frozen. Birds are attracted by the trees and other vegetation, as well as the water features. Avoid this park in summer.

You'll find many stops for gasoline and food in Belvidere and Rockford.

Motels are close by in Rockford at the intersection of I-90 and US 20 (business).

There is a large campground at Rock Cut State Park (815-885-3311) www.stateparks.com/rockcut.htm.

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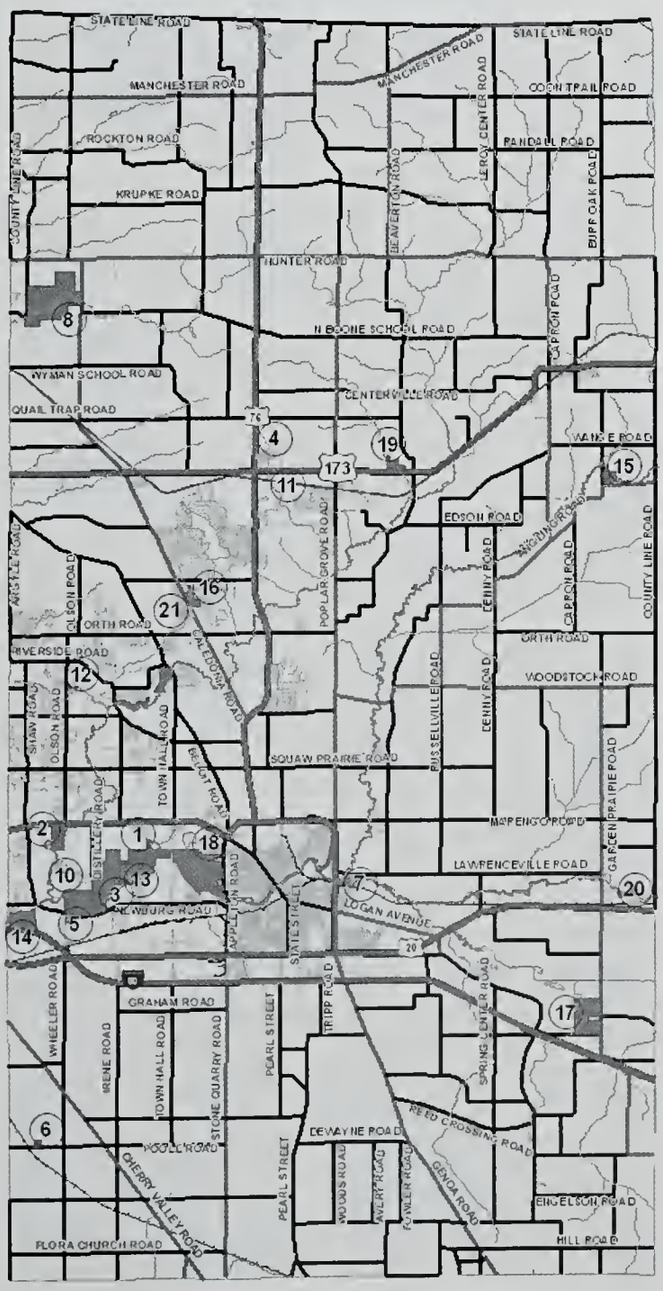

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2 Beaver Bluffs Conservation Area
3 Distillery Road Conservation Area*
4 Edwards Park & Conservation Area
5 Elmhurst Conservation Area
6 Flora Prairie Nature Preserve
7 Green Giant Prairie
8 Kinnikinnick Creek Conservation Area
10 LIB Conservation Area*
11 Long Prairie Trail
12 Mckiski Fen Conservation Area
13 Nelson's Ford Conservation Area
14 Newberg Village Conservation Area
15 O. O. Stimes Memorial Park
16 Schneeman/Leeson Conservation Area
17 Sewell Conservation Area
18 Spencer Conservation Area*
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20 Wagner Conservation Area
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The 2008 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

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A new record number of Harris's Sparrows was tallied during the 2008 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count.

Harris's Sparrow at North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 9 May 2008. Photo by Jason Weckstein.

The 2008 Statewide Spring Bird Count was held on Saturday, May 10, marking the 37th consecutive year for the count, which began in 1972. Although there have been some poor-weather days in the past, this year was another excellent day for birds, birders and birding. Arlene Brei (Boone County) said, "Another totally perfect birding day in Boone County; non-glare sun in the a.m., non-threatening clouds in the p.m., and mostly nothing but gentle breezes all day long." Frank Storment (Richland County) noted, "Count day turned out to be an excellent day, with sun in the morning and cloudy conditions in the afternoon. The winds were relatively light…and the roads were not as bad as I thought they would be after the 4 to 5 inches of rain we had here from Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon." Quotes suggesting that migration was a bit late this year are from Karen Forcum (Shelby County), "Our spring here was behind times; I had worried about the date [for the Spring Bird Count] being so late, but no need for worry about that. The migration was slower than usual and later than usual. But May 10 was an ideal spring day…." and Richard Call (St. Clair County) indicated, "Water was high everywhere, and there was very little shorebird habitat. Passerine numbers seemed to be down and there was less bird song than usual."

Count day began with early morning temperatures ranging from the mid-to-upper 30s and low 40s in the north to the mid-to-upper 40s and low 50s in the south. Temperatures then peaked in the low-to-mid 60s in the north and upper 60s to low 70s in the south. Winds were highly variable in both speed and direction throughout the day with light breezes less than 10 mph to periodic gusts of 25-30 mph; the predominant direction for more than half the county reports indicated winds from the east to southeast; however, some counties reported southerly, westerly, and northerly winds as well. The morning sky was clear to partly cloudy (with occasional overcast); in the afternoon it remained clear in much of the north but gradually changed to partly cloudy and overcast over the rest of the state. An early to mid-morning fog was reported from several counties. Southern counties (plus Jo Daviess County) then experienced a slight drizzle in the late afternoon that, in the southern counties, turned into a steady rain after 6:30 p.m. (which affected the day-end birding in several counties).

Counters in Clinton, DeKalb, Jersey, and Vermilion counties began their counts at midnight; counting had begun by 3 a.m. in sixteen more counties and by 5 a.m. in another 39. Overall, 59 counties recorded at least some pre-dawn owling/railing hours (before 5:15 a.m.). Of the remaining 41 counties, most began birding at dawn or shortly thereafter; only 10 began as late as 6 a.m. or later with the latest starting time at 7 a.m. (two counties). At least 24 counties recorded owling/railing hours after dusk (after 8:30 p.m.) with six continuing as late as 10 p.m. including one until 11:30 p.m.

Table 1 compares the overall count results with those of the past two years and the record year. There were four new records in last year's table; however, there weren't any this year. The only 2008 listing that came close to a record was the 268 species – one short of the high (269) set in 1996. The total number of birds reported was 75,000 fewer

TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2008	2007	2006	Highest Total
Number of Species	268	267	261	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	517,017	562,396	534,609	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	100	100	100	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1323	1426	1356	1611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2463	2285	2335	2628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	22,284	23,739	21,248	23,942 (2001)
Total Number of Party Miles	24,747	26,024	23,583	26,401 (2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	3048	3196	3068	3457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1973	1957	1821	2140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	5021	5153	4889	5565 (1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	55	60	51	60 (2007)
No. of Counties with 100 or more species	76	85	80	85 (2007)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	18	22	17	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	191	177	186	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating County	121	126	120	126 (2007)
Average # of species for all 102 counties	119	124	117	124 (2007)

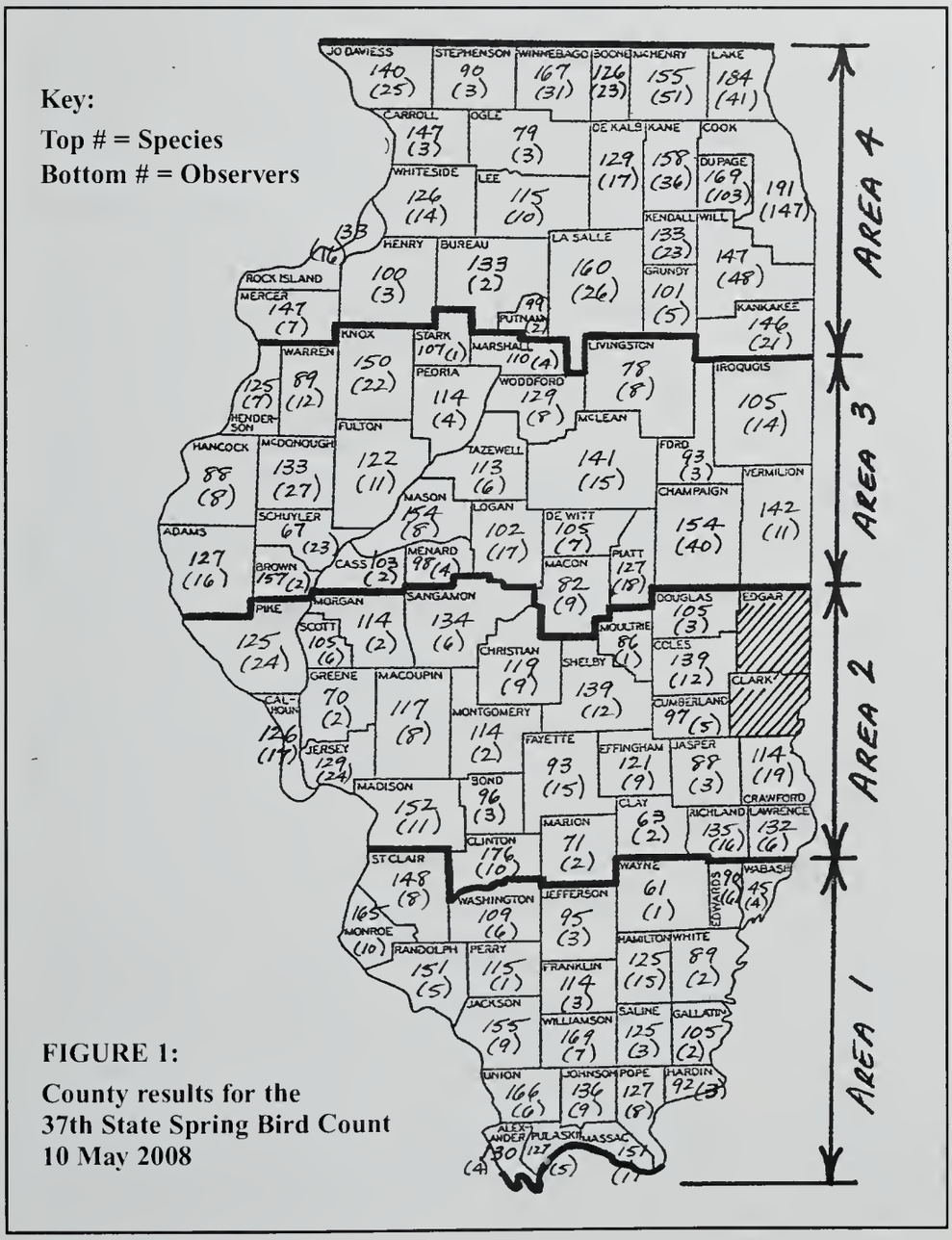

FIGURE 1:
County results for the 37th State Spring Bird Count 10 May 2008

than the record number in 1996 and 45,000 fewer than last year – perhaps this can be explained by the lower than usual number of observers (the lowest number since 1983 and 100+ fewer than even last year). Another 2008 positive was the number of party miles walked which increased considerably over other recent years despite the reduced number of observers.

As usual, Figure 1 is a visual reference to how well we did. The larger number in each county is the number of species reported in the county; the smaller number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers (note Clark and Edgar counties in particular) and fewer than 100 species. Although we fully anticipated participants in all 102 counties again this year, like last year, we fell two counties short.

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County earned "top" honors again this year with 191 species (14 more than it had in its premier position last year); despite its large species total, the American Black Duck was the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which often challenges Cook, tallied 184 species including seven species not reported elsewhere (Yellow and Black Rails, Ruddy Turnstone, Thayer's and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwake, and Brewer's Blackbird). In the other AREA 4 counties DuPage was third with 169 species and was followed with 150 or more in four other counties. Clinton County led the central counties (AREAS 2 & 3) with 176 species; Brown was a distant second with 157; four others achieved 150 or more. Williamson County led the southern group of counties (AREA 1) with 169 species and was followed by five more with 150 or more; Massac County's impressive tally of 151 species was achieved by a single observer. For the record, another 8 counties provided confirmed lists of 140 to 149 species and another 9 tal-

lied 130 to 139 species. The record for the greatest number of species for a single county remains at 205 (set in 1983).

Table 3 identifies, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants. The list this year contains 18 counties (4 fewer than last year); Cook and DuPage continue to field 100 or more participants. After the two high counts the number of participants in each county declines sharply. [And, once again, the annual plea: observers in all of the well-endowed counties are invited (encouraged) to become regular participants in one of the less-endowed counties. As the results in the various tables are scrutinized, it seems natural that more records could be established if there were more observers in some of the less-endowed counties. Figure 1 provides a quick reference to determine where more assistance would be useful; please note the absence of 2008 reports from Clark and Edgar counties this year. Of course, special thanks to those of you who have already made the transition and stayed true to your new counties and to those of you who made the change this year.]

Table 4 provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state—identified in Figure 1 as AREAS 1 through 4 (south to north). In 2008, the average number of party hours per county dropped slightly to 50.2 (compared to 51.5 in 2007).

Table 5 identifies the 55 species reported from 90 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 17 (31%) of these were reported from all 100 counties; another 7 (13%) were reported from all but one county. For some reason, several species (such as the Mallard, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Barn Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, White-throated Sparrow, and House Finch) escape detection in some of the counties. Even the House Sparrow was missed in two counties this year.

Table 6 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The Red-winged Blackbird continues to be the most common species. The next nine are often the same year after year but change positions. This year the robin moved back into second place ahead of the grackle and starling; the latter two dropped to third and fourth places, respectively. The Canada Goose remains entrenched in fifth place well ahead of the House Sparrow. The House Sparrow moved back into sixth position with decreasingly lower numbers each of the last four years and only about 40% of the record number reported only six years ago. The American Goldfinch remained in the top ten as did the Brown-headed Cowbird (for only the second time). The Ring-billed Gull, which has recently occurred in the top ten dropped to 14th place this year and the Mourning Dove moved up into the ninth position ahead of the tenth place cardinal. The lower ten of the top 20 continues to show considerable variation.

TABLE 2:
Counties with 150 or more species

Northern Counties (Area 4)	
Cook	191
Lake	184
DuPage	169
Winnebago	167
La Salle	160
Kane	158
McHenry	155
Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)	
Clinton	176
Brown	157
Champaign	154
Mason	154
Madison	152
Knox	150
Southern Counties (Area 1)	
Williamson	169
Union	166
Monroe	165
Jackson	155
Massac	151
Randolph	151

Notes:

Other counties with 130-149 species

Carroll	147
Coles	139
Jo Daviess	140
Johnson	136
Kankakee	146
Kendall	133
Lawrence	132
McDonough	133
McLean	141
Mercer	147
Richland	135
Rock Island	133
St. Clair	148
Sangamon	134
Shelby	139
Vermilion	142
Will	147

TABLE 3:
Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	147	La Salle	26
DuPage	103	Jo Daviess	25
McHenry	57	Jersey	24
Will	48	Pike	24
Lake	41	Boone	23
Champaign	40	Kendall	23
Kane	36	Schuyler	23
Winnebago	31	Knox	22
McDonough	27	Kankakee	21

TABLE 4 – Area Coverage in 2008

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	23 (100%)	601	26.1
2	28	26 (93%)	871	31.1
3	27	27 (100%)	1121	41.5
4	24	24 (100%)	2429	101.2
TOTAL	**102**	**100 (98%)**	**5022**	**50.2**

The four species on last year's list that did not make it this year were the American Coot, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-throated Sparrow, and White-crowned Sparrow (none of which were even close to the top 20 this year). Their replacements were Song Sparrow, House Wren (only its second time in the top 20), Chimney Swift, and Mallard. Two of this year's top 20, Indigo Bunting and House Wren, were reported in record numbers. For those who keep track, the American Crow would have ranked 25th again this year (and missed the list for the fifth consecutive year) and the cormorant, which ranked high for several years, was 23rd for the second straight year. During the Count's 37-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top twenty list, eight of which have made the list only one time. There were no new additions to the list this year.

Table 7 provides the maximum species details for a) the number of counties reporting the species; b) the total number of birds of each species reported; and c) the highest number of each species recorded in a single county (including the county in which that number was recorded). The 25 species reported from a single county appear in bold face. Some of the notable single-county records were the: Red-throated Loon (a first report for the Spring Bird Count), Glossy Ibis, Yellow Rail, Black Rail, Black-legged Kittiwake, Least Tern, Bewick's Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Painted Bunting. Some of the better records for the seven species reported from only two counties were Great Black-backed Gull, Le Conte's Sparrow, and Red Crossbill. Also included in the Table (at the end) are those species that are not officially countable in Illinois (and treated as "exotics"); this year none were reported, however, the Ringed Turtle-Dove is listed anyway (to indicate that it wasn't accidentally "skipped".

New Records. Table 7 also identifies all new and tied count records for each species. As expected, new records are more difficult to achieve each year and when achieved, they most often surpass the previous record by only a small margin. The 49 new records have been identified by an asterisk (*) in the table; the 21 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. Had there been participants in all 102 counties and the usual number of observers, the number of new records would have been even greater. There were 17 new records for the Number of counties reporting the species. Some of the largest or most interesting increases in the number of counties were for: Wild Turkey (up 3), American White Pelican (up 9), Cooper's Hawk (up 6), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 4

TABLE 5: Species Reported from 90 (90%) or more Counties in 2008

Canada Goose	100	Warbling Vireo	91	Common Yellowthroat	97
Wood Duck	93	Red-eyed Vireo	91	Eastern Towhee	97
Mallard	94	Blue Jay	100	Chipping Sparrow	100
Wild Turkey	93	American Crow	100	Field Sparrow	98
Great Blue Heron	99	Horned Lark	93	Song Sparrow	96
Turkey Vulture	100	Tree Swallow	95	White-crowned Sparrow	97
Red-tailed Hawk	99	Barn Swallow	99	Northern Cardinal	100
Killdeer	99	Tufted Titmouse	98	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	98
Rock Pigeon	98	White-breasted Nuthatch	96	Indigo Bunting	99
Mourning Dove	100	Carolina Wren	91	Red-winged Blackbird	100
Chimney Swift	96	House Wren	99	Eastern Meadowlark	100
Ruby-thr Hummingbird	90	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	94	Common Grackle	100
Red-headed Woodpecker	98	Eastern Bluebird	98	Brown-headed Cowbird	100
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	Wood Thrush	91	Baltimore Oriole	100
Downy Woodpecker	99	American Robin	100	House Finch	93
Northern Flicker	97	Gray Catbird	98	American Goldfinch	100
Eastern Phoebe	94	Brown Thrasher	98	House Sparrow	98
Great Crested Flycatcher	92	European Starling	100		
Eastern Kingbird	100	Yellow Warbler	91		

TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species

Species	2008	2007	2006	Highest	# Years In Top 20
Red-winged Blackbird	61,289	63,961	56,778	69,971 (1996)	37
American Robin	35,664	28,606	33,785	35,720 (1995)	37
Common Grackle	33,102	44,408	33,258	59,264 (1974)	37
European Starling	27,703	29,997	30,992	37,736 (1992)	37
Canada Goose	19,645	18,831	19,988	19,990 (2005)	23
House Sparrow	13,509	14,081	16,580	32,120 (2002)	37
American Goldfinch	12,463	15,628	15,539	18,240 (2002)	36
Brown-headed Cowbird	11,608	15,727	10,487	15,727 (2007)	37
Mourning Dove	11,325	11,949	12,299	12,589 (2005)	37
Northern Cardinal	11,170	12,373	11,865	13,895 (2002)	37
Barn Swallow	10,705	10,177	9,976	27,532 (1999)	36
Indigo Bunting	**10,228**	9,327	6,431	**10,228 (2008)**	18
Tree Swallow	9,685	9,698	11,854	24,573 (1989)	23
Ring-billed Gull	9,340	13,618	16,401	29,243 (1994)	24
Chipping Sparrow	7,319	6,762	6,160	7,407 (2005)	6
Blue Jay	6,662	7,068	5,733*	13,446 (1984)	36
Song Sparrow	5,897	6,015*	6,136	7,475 (1995)	12
House Wren	**5,857**	4,891*	5,665*	**5,857 (2008)**	2
Chimney Swift	5,749	5,160*	5,095*	9,987 (1983)	27
Mallard	5,710	6,285*	5,790	8,731 (1994)	22

New Records in **Bold Face**. * = Not in "Top 20" this year.

more), Olive-sided Flycatcher (up 6), Lark Sparrow (up 6), Henslow's Sparrow (up 3), Harris's Sparrow (up 2), and Blue Grosbeak (up 10). There were 19 new records for the Total count of birds reported for those species in a single count year. Some of the largest or most interesting new high counts were for: Wild Turkey (up 181 birds), Turkey Vulture (up 813 birds), Red-shouldered Hawk (up 38 birds), Sora (up 76 birds), Sandhill Crane (up 88 birds), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 212 birds), Olive-sided Flycatcher (up 7 birds), Eastern Kingbird (up 239 birds), House Wren (up 192 birds), Gray Catbird (up 338 birds), Summer Tanager (up 18 birds), Harris's Sparrow (up 6 birds), Blue Grosbeak (up 43 birds), Indigo Bunting (up 898 birds), and Bobolink (up 491 birds). There were 13 new records for the Total number of birds reported for those species in a single county. Some of the largest or most interesting records were for: Turkey Vulture (up 330 birds), Red-shouldered Hawk (up 11 birds), Caspian Tern (up 51 birds), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 125 birds), Warbling Vireo (up 16 birds), House Wren (up 110 birds), American Robin (up 570 birds), Yellow Warbler (up 24 birds), and Brown-headed Cowbird (up 33 birds)

Species Comments. Both the Blue Jay and American Crow numbers remain subpar. There were 256 fewer Red-headed Woodpeckers this year than last year (not good!!) after what appeared to be a slight "gain" last year. The Gray Partridge was missed again this year, but the Bewick's Wren (this time in Brown County) was reported for the second consecutive year. The Black-legged Kittiwake was well-documented by a photograph. The nest of Barn Owls in St. Clair County increased the total for this species nicely. The Painted Bunting in Will County was a good find, with the addition of Red-throated Loon to the SBC list, the statewide cumulative count total now stands at 329.

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2008 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:

* New Spring Bird Count High Total

\# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total

New species to Count in BOLD FACE CAPS

Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Grtr White-fronted Goose	4	4	4 counties	(1)
Snow Goose	12	46	Bond	(9)
Canada Goose	100#	19645	Cook	(1999)
Mute Swan	18	218	Tazewell	(60)
Wood Duck	93	2468	Cook	(241)
Gadwall	11	71	Clinton	(31)
American Wigeon	3	5	Lake	(3)
American Black Duck	1	1	Cook	(1)
Mallard	94	5710	Cook	(940)
Blue-winged Teal	65	1174	Randolph	(142)
Northern Shoveler	28	141	Clinton	(24)
Northern Pintail	4	6	2 counties	(2)
Green-winged Teal	8	25	Woodford	(6)
Canvasback	1	1	Hancock	(1)
Redhead	5	8	3 counties	(2)
Ring-necked Duck	11	41	Logan	(16)
Lesser Scaup	18	47	Clinton	(8)
Bufflehead	4	13	Lake	(8)
Common Goldeneye	4	5	La Salle	(2)
Hooded Merganser	30	138	McHenry	(18)
Common Merganser	3	5	2 counties	(2)
Red-breasted Merganser	8	191	Lake	(148)
Ruddy Duck	18	103	Cook	(32)
Ring-necked Pheasant	55	653	Winnebago	(60)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	39	Jasper	(24)
Wild Turkey	93*	1421*	Boone	(107)
Northern Bobwhite	73	699	Monroe	(66)
RED-THROATED LOON	1*	1*	Williamson	*(1)
Common Loon	10	20	Lake	(9)
Pied-billed Grebe	42	196	Carroll	(18)
Horned Grebe	4	10	Cook	(7)
Red-necked Grebe	1#	1#	Richland	#(1)
American White Pelican	30*	1430	Carroll	(310)
Double-crest Cormorant	60	5232	Cook	(1064)
American Bittern	19	31	Kane	(4)
Least Bittern	6	12	Monroe	#(5)
Great Blue Heron	99	5031*	Monroe	(512)
Great Egret	55	1864	Will	(284)
Snowy Egret	5	26	Monroe	(9)
Little Blue Heron	15	139	St. Clair	(50)
Cattle Egret	14	447	St. Clair	(176)
Green Heron	82	534	Cook	(79)
Black-crown Night-Heron	13	311	Cook	(277)
Yellow-crown Night-Heron	8	26	Madison	(9)
Glossy Ibis	1#	1	Lawrence	(1)
Black Vulture	8	49	Union	(19)
Turkey Vulture	100	5169*	Cook	*(561)
Osprey	25	40	Clinton	(4)
Mississippi Kite	9	23	Union	(7)
Bald Eagle	47*	134	Jo Daviess	(13)
Northern Harrier	36	53	Champaign	(4)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	28	59	DuPage	(12)
Cooper's Hawk	67*	291	Cook	(37)
Red-shouldered Hawk	34	145*	Jackson	*(26)
Broad-winged Hawk	25	74	Jo Daviess	(13)
Red-tailed Hawk	99	1704	Cook	(87)
American Kestrel	89	413	Monroe	(23)
Merlin	1	1	DuPage	(1)
Peregrine Falcon	8	11	Cook	(4)
Yellow Rail	1	1	Lake	(1)

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2008 Spring Bird Count (continued)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Black Rail	1	1	Lake	(1)
King Rail	6	9	Brown	(3)
Virginia Rail	20	77	Lake	(22)
Sora	51	749*	Kane	*(113)
Common Moorhen	5	7	2 counties	(2)
American Coot	65	1967	Putnam	(291)
Sandhill Crane	19*	301*	Lake	*(71)
Black-bellied Plover	2	12	McHenry	(9)
American Golden-Plover	17	1921	Montgomery	(650)
Semipalmated Plover	16	64	Crawford	(15)
Killdeer	99	3381	Kane	(161)
Black-necked Stilt	4	8	Alexander	(3)
Spotted Sandpiper	77	787	Mason	(77)
Solitary Sandpiper	68	371	Kane	(36)
Greater Yellowlegs	40	305	Monroe	(123)
Willet	2	3	Crawford	(2)
Lesser Yellowlegs	51	791	Randolph	(131)
Upland Sandpiper	9	35	Warren	(16)
Hudsonian Godwit	1	2	Monroe	(2)
Ruddy Turnstone	1	1	Lake	(1)
Sanderling	3	16	Lake	(12)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	18	122	Jackson	(32)
Western Sandpiper	3	3	3 counties	(1)
Least Sandpiper	44	547	Kendall	(43)
White-rumped Sandpiper	3	4	Brown	(2)
Baird's Sandpiper	1	1	Richland	(1)
Pectoral Sandpiper	34	495	Randolph	(104)
Dunlin	15	49	Monroe	(10)
Stilt Sandpiper	3	5	2 counties	(2)
Short-billed Dowitcher	14	35	Monroe	(8)
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	2	Brown	(2)
Wilson's Snipe	20	69	Cook	(12)
American Woodcock	32	121	DuPage	(23)
Wilson's Phalarope	13	30	Randolph	(10)
Red-necked Phalarope	1#	1	Sangamon	(1)
Franklin's Gull	1	1	Clinton	(1)
Bonaparte's Gull	3	6	Clinton	(3)
Ring-billed Gull	49	9340	Cook	(3646)
Herring Gull	13	1081	Lake	(919)
Thayer's Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	2	Lake	(2)
Great Black-backed Gull	2#	2	2 counties	(1)
Black-legged Kittiwake	1#	1#	Lake	#(1)
Least Tern	1#	1	Massac	(1)
Caspian Tern	19	1465	Cook	*(1110)
Black Tern	14	61	Madison	(13)
Common Tern	15	391	Lake	(180)
Forster's Tern	23	301	Lake	(56)
Rock Pigeon	98	3792	Cook	(444)
Eurasian Collared-Dove	58*	462*	Madison	*(182)
Mourning Dove	100	11325	Winnebago	(432)
Monk Parakeet	3#	52	Cook	(44)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	30	59	Jackson	(10)
Black-billed Cuckoo	13	22	DuPage	(4)
Barn Owl	3	6	St. Clair	(4)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Eastern Screech-Owl	36	91	DeKalb	(13)
Great Horned Owl	65	225	DuPage	(14)
Barred Owl	81	471	Mercer	(38)
Common Nighthawk	63	284	Knox	(38)
Chuck-will's-widow	10	31	Johnson	(9)
Whip-poor-will	50	252	Mason	(50)
Chimney Swift	96	5749	Cook	(1022)
Ruby-thrtd Hummingbird	90*	1213	Calhoun	(167)
Belted Kingfisher	81	367	Winnebago	(27)
Red-headed Woodpecker	98	1318	Kankakee	(79)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	100	3396	Cook	(241)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12	48	Carroll	(15)
Downy Woodpecker	99	2218	Cook	(182)
Hairy Woodpecker	84#	544*	Cook	(52)
Northern Flicker	97	1787	DuPage	(190)
Pileated Woodpecker	64	344	Union	(32)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	26*	35*	Cook	(3)
Eastern Wood-Pewee	86	855	Jackson	(61)
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1	Winnebago	(1)
Acadian Flycatcher	45	339	Union	(57)
Alder Flycatcher	3#	3	3 counties	(1)
Willow Flycatcher	28#	82	Johnson	(13)
Least Flycatcher	60	351	Cook	(52)
Eastern Phoebe	94	1559	Calhoun	(67)
Great Crested Flycatcher	92	1681	DuPage	(117)
Western Kingbird	4*	6#	2 counties	(2)
Eastern Kingbird	100	3832*	Jackson	(151)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	Union	(1)
Loggerhead Shrike	12	24	Massac	(5)
White-eyed Vireo	62	874	Jackson	(125)
Bell's Vireo	31*	89	Jackson	(11)
Yellow-throated Vireo	74	611	Winnebago	(37)
Blue-headed Vireo	46	150	Cook	(24)
Warbling Vireo	91#	1798	Cook	*(155)
Philadelphia Vireo	30	69	Monroe	(14)
Red-eyed Vireo	91	1286	DuPage	(60)
Blue Jay	100	6662	Lake	(454)
American Crow	100	5094	Cook	(275)
Fish Crow	16*	192	Union	(38)
Horned Lark	93	2631	Monroe	(462)
Purple Martin	85	3749	Calhoun	(467)
Tree Swallow	95	9685	DuPage	(731)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	89	4937	Cook	(454)
Bank Swallow	66	3688	Randolph	(663)
Cliff Swallow	73	4485	Randolph	(456)
Barn Swallow	99	10705	Cook	(821)
Carolina Chickadee	38	649	Richland	(58)
Black-capped Chickadee	62	2919	Winnebago	(262)
Tufted Titmouse	98	2419	Calhoun	(97)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	43	154	Champaign	(17)
White-breasted Nuthatch	96	1924	Winnebago	(105)
Brown Creeper	21	55	Iroquois	(12)
Carolina Wren	91	1199	Jackson	(74)
Bewick's Wren	1	1	Brown	(1)
House Wren	99#	5857*	Winnebago	*(529)

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2008 Spring Bird Count (continued)

Species	Total Co.s	No. of Birds	High County	(Total)
Sedge Wren	28	143	Kane	(20)
Marsh Wren	27	207	Kane	(41)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	5	Monroe	(5)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	50	536	Cook	(155)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	94*	3871	DuPage	(368)
Eastern Bluebird	98	2974	Shelby	(142)
Veery	64	273	Cook	(24)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	57	216	Vermilion	(28)
Swainson's Thrush	80	1130	Champaign	(101)
Hermit Thrush	29	84	Cook	(12)
Wood Thrush	91	1304	Winnebago	(67)
American Robin	100	35664	Cook	*(4053)
Gray Catbird	98	5530*	Cook	(486)
Northern Mockingbird	74	526	Greene	(32)
Brown Thrasher	98	2005	Calhoun	(80)
European Starling	100	27703	Cook	(2172)
American Pipit	14	92	Woodford	(52)
Cedar Waxwing	46	1011	Kane	(112)
Blue-winged Warbler	49	258	Cook	(49)
Golden-winged Warbler	46	170	Cook	(29)
Tennessee Warbler	82	2024	DuPage	(147)
Orange-crowned Warbler	27	125	Cook	(56)
Nashville Warbler	70	1146	Cook	(195)
Northern Parula	84	999	Jackson	(75)
Yellow Warbler	91#	2758	DuPage	*(423)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	66	503	Cook	(82)
Magnolia Warbler	63	490	Cook	(114)
Cape May Warbler	36	145	Vermilion	(30)
Black-thr Blue Warbler	15	41	Cook	(15)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	88	4177	Cook	(662)
Black-thr Green Warbler	61	485	Cook	(108)
Blackburnian Warbler	53	216	Cook	(32)
Yellow-throated Warbler	40	216	Union	(22)
Pine Warbler	28	90	Monroe	(17)
Prairie Warbler	16	243	Pope	(60)
Palm Warbler	79	2804	Cook	(950)
Bay-breasted Warbler	31	59	DuPage	(6)
Blackpoll Warbler	56	305	Williamson	(63)
Cerulean Warbler	34	101	Carroll	(21)
Black-and-white Warbler	68	578	Cook	(148)
American Redstart	83	1375	Cook	(135)
Prothonotary Warbler	65	444	Union	(112)
Worm-eating Warbler	31	102	Jackson	(24)
Ovenbird	72	760	Cook	(119)
Northern Waterthrush	73	856	Cook	(176)
Louisiana Waterthrush	51	209	Union	(28)
Kentucky Warbler	53	377	Williamson	(57)
Mourning Warbler	17	43	Monroe	(5)
Common Yellowthroat	98	4998	Cook	(360)
Hooded Warbler	26	61	Jackson	(10)
Wilson's Warbler	34	79	Cook	(11)
Canada Warbler	14	26	DuPage	(3)
Yellow-breasted Chat	68	550	Williamson	(61)
Summer Tanager	59	481*	Union	(46)
Scarlet Tanager	86	721	DuPage	(52)
Eastern Towhee	97	2147	DuPage	(125)
American Tree Sparrow	1	1	Kendall	(1)
Chipping Sparrow	100#	7319	Winnebago	(565)
Clay-colored Sparrow	12	42*	Cook	(9)
Field Sparrow	98	3165	DuPage	(208)
Vesper Sparrow	54	279	Montgomery	(21)
Lark Sparrow	48*	269	Mason	(34)
Savannah Sparrow	74	1082	Lake	(142)
Grasshopper Sparrow	75	853	Jo Daviess	(334)
Henslow's Sparrow	41*	184	Jo Daviess	(20)
Le Conte's Sparrow	2	4	Coles	(3)
Fox Sparrow	3	4	Kendall	(2)
Song Sparrow	96	5897	DuPage	(591)
Lincoln's Sparrow	32	190	Cook	(51)
Swamp Sparrow	58	900	Cook	(142)
White-throated Sparrow	89	3794	Cook	(708)
Harris's Sparrow	10*	16*	McLean	(3)
White-crowned Sparrow	97	4995	Cook	(658)
Dark-eyed Junco	9	14	Cook	(5)
Northern Cardinal	100	11170	DuPage	(668)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	98	3849	Cook	(206)
Blue Grosbeak	48*	217*	Union	(18)
Indigo Bunting	99	10225*	Union	(647)
Painted Bunting	1#	1	Will	(1)
Dickcissel	79	2494	Monroe	(301)
Bobolink	78	4005*	Monroe	*(807)
Red-winged Blackbird	100	61289	McHenry	(4421)
Eastern Meadowlark	100	5304	Monroe	(362)
Western Meadowlark	22	190	Jo Daviess	(98)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	7	39	Lake	(15)
Rusty Blackbird	2	17	Kane	(15)
Brewer's Blackbird	1	29	Lake	(29)
Common Grackle	100	33102	Winnebago	(1638)
Brown-headed Cowbird	100	11608	DuPage	*(790)
Orchard Oriole	85	712	DuPage	(72)
Baltimore Oriole	100	4644	DuPage	(347)
Purple Finch	42	159	Calhoun	(20)
House Finch	93	2053	Winnebago	(157)
Red Crossbill	2	38	Mason	(29)
Pine Siskin	20	90	Cook	(11)
American Goldfinch	100	12463	DuPage	(1056)
House Sparrow	98	13509	Cook	(990)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	25	459	McDonough	(78)
Exotics:				
[Ringed Turtle Dove	0	0		(0)]
New Records (*)	**17**	**19**		**13**
Tied Records (#)	**16**	**2**		**3**

Species Missed. As always, there are species that could-have or should-have been found that were missed. The Swainson's Hawk is certainly one of those (now missed for three consecutive years). Surely one bird could be findable for the Spring Bird Count? Other species that would have enhanced the 2008 list include: the Trumpeter Swans (not nesting in Carroll County this year?), Greater Scaup (often reported around Lake Michigan), Gray Partridge (as mentioned above), Eared Grebe, American Avocet, another godwit or the Whimbrel, Laughing Gull, Short-eared or Long-eared Owls, Winter Wren (none for only the 2nd year), an early Connecticut Warbler, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Lapland Longspur. Of course, many county lists could have been enhanced as well had some of the local species known to be present been findable on count day.

Table 8 provides all the County Statistics. The columns are: 1) the county name; 2) the AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; 3) the number of confirmed species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders in the county; 6) the number of parties counting birds; 7) the earliest and latest birding times (in the 24-hour system with owling/railing hours before and/or after daylight hours marked with an asterisk "*"); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the 2008 county compiler/coordinator.

Documentations. The majority of birds requiring documentation were properly documented again this year; those documentations have been forwarded to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee for the permanent file. Unfortunately, the documentations for several count species were not received as required; so, those records (along with other poorly and non-documented records throughout

TABLE 8: 2008 County Statistics

N.R. = No Report

County	Number of Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	127	6,807	16	8	*0515-2130*	8¼ -340½	8¾-48½	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	130	2,902	4	2	0525-1715	½-170½	½-20¾.	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	96	2,748	3	1	0530-1900	2½-134	5½-8	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	126	10,123	23	8	0515-2030	58½-446	60½-32¾	Arlene Brei
Brown	3	157	3,126	2	1	*0300-1730	2½-160	9½-5	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	133	5,988	2	2	*0330-1730	8-218	9¼-13	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	126	7,621	17	10	*0500-2030	10½ -225¼	15¼-49¾	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	147	5,970	3	3	*0130-1700	8½ -163	9-29	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	103	1,976	2	2	*0500-2100*	4-244	4-11	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	154	10,893	40	20	*0330-2000	86-351	101½-28½	Beth Chato
Christian	2	119	3,092	9	6	*0400-2100*	25-301	32½-16¼	Clark Olson
Clark	2		N.R.						
Clay	2	63	495	2	2	*0430-1230	4-30	7-2	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	176	6,985	10	5	*0000-2015	22-443	29½-26	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	139	2,968	12	6	*0400-2200*	17½ -87½	14¾-24½	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	191	40,633	147	75	*0400-1950	335-351	345½-56	Alan Anderson
Crawford	2	114	4,514	19	7	*0500-2130*	10-284	21¾-34¼	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	97	944	5	3	*0330-1920	5¼-54	7¾-3½	Larry Thorsen
DeKalb	4	129	5,803	17	8	*0000-2200*	41-221	47-17	Darrell Shambaugh
DeWitt	3	105	1,626	7	4	0520-2020	10-100	24¼-4¾	L. Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2	105	1,861	3	1	*0510-1730	5-90	9-3¼	Mark Alessi
DuPage	4	169	23,435	103	39	*0315-2025	208-446	264½-23	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2		N.R.						
Edwards	1	90	3,157	6	3	0530-1940	2-107	6¾ -16½	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	121	5,438	9	6	*0430-2030	18-241	35-13	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	93	1,911	15	8	0530-2000	16-131	11½-33½	Arthur W. Jones
Ford	3	93	1,396	3	2	0520-1320	8-126½	11½-1½	Wade Lewis
Franklin	1	114	2,664	3	2	*0330-1800	8-97	10-12	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	122	3,251	11	5	0630-2200*	16-256	12-33	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	105	714	2	1	*0330-2100*	3½-112	7¾-6¾	Ron Bradley
Greene	2	70	1,634	2	1	0600-1400	1-47	1-7	John Wisnewski
Grundy	4	101	2,277	5	4	0545-1930	20-61	19-8	William Morris
Hamilton	1	125	2,513	15	8	0550-2110*	30-120	28-14	S. Bentrap Johnson
Hancock	3	88	3,141	8	4	0600-1825	10¾-233	8¾-25	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	1	92	538	3	1	0525-2005	¼-67	1¼-12	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	125	2,774	7	5	*0320-1725	13¼-220	20¾-15	Chuck Leib

the state) had to be excluded from the report. With the aforementioned exclusions, the number of species printed in Table 8 for some counties may be lower than submitted by the county compilers.

Economic Considerations. For the third year I'm including an economic estimate of what birders donate by participating in the Spring Bird Count. As mentioned previously, birders spend a great deal of time and money in pursuit of birds and provide a significant impact to the local economy. It's still impossible to get (or give) exact figures and I'm still waiting for someone to suggest other meaningful figures. However, I'm going to continue using the three arbitrary standards and designated "values" initiated in 2006: 1) an "average" value for a person's time – $18/hour; 2) the price of gasoline (which, in 2008, averaged $4 per gallon on Count Day) or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and 3) the cost of food and drink (average of $16 per person). And, as before, there are several other figures that could and should be included in this compilation, i.e., motels or other overnight accommodations, variable pre- and post-count expenses, unrecorded mileage to and from the count site, equipment, apparel, etc. However, we'll keep it simple (if that is possible).

1) 1,323 participants times an average of $16 for food/drink consumption = $ 21,000

2) an average of 7.6 participation hours per person (1323) times $18 per hour [7.6 is based on 5021 daylight party hours x 2.0 persons per party + nocturnal party hours] $181,000

3) 22,284 miles driven times $0.40 per mile = $ 9,000

(or, alternative: about 24,000 miles at 20 miles per gallon times $4 per gallon = $4,800)

Therefore, based on the above computations, plus the added time and mileage required for everyone to drive to and from the count site,

TABLE 8: 2008 County Statistics (continued)

County	Number of Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Obs.	Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Henry	4	100	4,271	3	2	*0440-1930	5-257	5½-15½	Ed Anderson
Iroquois	3	105	2,955	14	11	*0500-2030	26¾-73	38-10¼	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	155	6,035	9	6	*0300-2045*	13¼-371	20-39¾	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	88	1,245	3	1	*0500-1700	2-122	8-4	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	95	1,599	3	2	*0420-1855	2¼-112¼	6½-5 ½	Anne Bothe
Jersey	2	129	5,295	24	7	*0000-1715	14-104	15-18	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	140	10,638	25	7	*0430-2130*	22¼-558	14¼-57½	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	136	2,214	9	3	0530-2030	5½-209	10-22½	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	158	17,937	36	19	*0415-2100*	118¾-416¾	140½-48	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	4	146	7,282	21	11	*0345-2000	39-330	51-20	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	133	3,498	23	7	*0430-2000	32½-97¼	49-3¾	Keith Johnson
Knox	3	150	6,366	22	15	*0150-2100*	31½-561	36¾-44½	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	184	17,371	41	22	*0300-2000	106-465½	148½-22	Joel Greenberg
La Salle	4	160	13,143	26	14	*0345-2030	53-821¾	58½-66½	John McKee
Lawrence	2	132	2,942	6	3	0515-2030	6-330	7¼-28¾	Julie St. John
Lee	4	115	2,703	10	5	0530-1930	9½-113	24½ -6	John Bivins
Livingston	3	78	1,217	8	6	0530-2100*	10¼-58	10-5	Nancy Vail
Logan	3	102	3,529	17	9	0600-1915	17½-248	37½-18	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	82	1,283	9	3	????-????	12½-91	20-5¼	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	117	4,448	8	5	*0345-2030	17-279	17¼-22¾	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	152	4,693	11	5	*0400-1930	17-235	35¾-12½	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	71	1,118	2	1	0530-1200	2½-64½	2-4½	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	110	2,857	4	2	0530-1800	3¼-274	2¼-22¼	Mary K. Hill
Mason	3	154	6,308	8	4	*0330-1930	18¼-241	21½-19¾	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	151	3,495	1	1	*0200-1830	5-140	8½-4½	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	133	9,463	27	14	*0100-2130*	43-358	68½-34½	David/Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	155	17,212	51	32	*0500-2130*	98-649½	113½-54¾	Rob Gough
McLean	3	141	5,889	15	7	0700-1800	33-295	39-13	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	98	1,601	4	3	0615-2000	12-108	14-6½	Ken Lockhart
Mercer	4	147	9,449	7	5	*0230-2000	11¼-342	11¾-42¾	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	165	13,445	10	7	*0400-2000	21½-241	24¾-19½	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	114	4,934	2	2	0530-1800	10-150	9-10½	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	114	1,658	2	1	0530-1830	3-122	3-10	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	86	835	1	1	0550-1600	3-65	5½-2½	Eric Smith
Ogle	4	79	1,504	3	2	0630-1900	20-65½	9-2½	Richie Wolf
Peoria	3	114	3,650	4	2	0530-1730	7-216	7-17	Mike Miller

the nocturnal miles (which were not included in the mileage above), compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic "input" for the 2008 Spring Bird Count once again exceeds $250,000 and may be more than $300,000. If anyone out there is able to enhance this concept and offer some better standards and guidelines—please offer them.

The results of 37th Spring Bird Count are now in the record books—again, thanks to you ALL for making this possible.

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Dates of future counts:
2009 = May 9
2010 = May 8
2011 = May 7

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TABLE 8: 2008 County Statistics (continued)

County	Number of Area	Number of Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Number of Ptys	TIME Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Perry	1	115	761	1	1	0530-1800	4-18	5-3	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	127	4,648	18	10	0545-2000	24¼-108¼	36½-10¾	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	125	4,814	24	9	*0200-2330*	23-214¼	24½-24	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	127	2,556	8	5	0530-1825	11½-132¼	20¾-15½	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	127	2,472	5	3	*0340-2000	5½-117	6½-13	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	99	2,135	2	2	*0330-1830	3½-65	6½-4½	Michele Simone
Randolph	1	151	4,093	5	3	*0430-2145*	7½-250¾	21¼-10¾	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	135	7,003	16	9	0545-2030	16½-475	22½-61	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	133	7,478	16	8	*0415-1830	17½-454	17½-43	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	148	4,412	8	5	0525-2030	20-323	36¾-21½	Richard Call
Saline	1	125	2,926	3	1	*0345-1800	5-142	7-4¾	Tara Danner
Sangamon	2	134	3,019	6	5	*0430-1930	19-156	18-8½	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	67	1,680	23	4	0530-1730	15-20	19-2	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	105	1,112	6	3	0530-1600	7-156	11-13½	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	139	6,861	12	9	*0130-2230*	23-536	22½-38	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	107	1,633	1	1	*0500-1330	3½-101	5½-2½	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	90	1,498	3	2	0700-2200*	1-35	4½-53	George Visel
Tazewell	3	113	5,246	6	3	0530-1900	19-336½	16½-17½	Thad Edmonds
Union	1	166	6,673	6	5	*0250-1945	24-239	25½-26½	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	142	8,395	11	7	*0000-2130*	27½-441	42½-28¼	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	45	280	4	2	*0500-1715	2-35	1¼-4¼	Jacqueline Hallam
Warren	3	89	2,104	12	8	*0400-1900	16-197	22½-11	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	109	935	6	2	0530-2030	4-59	12-5	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	61	267	1	1	*0100-2100*	6-133	7-8	George Rose
White	1	89	1,215	2	1	0520-2030	4-81	5-4	Bob Shelby
Whiteside	4	126	4,232	14	6	*0340-2100*	25-283½	22½-24½	Charlene Knudten
Will	4	147	15,199	48	19	0630-1900	72¾-414	97¾-46½	Al Thomas
Williamson	1	169	4,925	7	3	*0230-1900	13-173	14-25	Mike Brown
Winnebago	4	167	18,759	31	19	*0415-2130*	138-535½	172½-36½	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	129	3,686	8	4	0600-2000	34-191	31-12	Matthew Winks
Total			**517,017**	**1323**	**670**		**463-22284**	**3048-1973**	
Exotics:									
[Ringed Turtle Dove	1		12	Will	(12)]				
New Records (*)	45		22	11					
Tied Records (#)	20		4	4					

Field Notes:
The 2008 Spring Migration Season

by Travis A. Mahan

Field notes drawing of Indigo Bunting by Jenny Vogt.

The spring 2008 migration season from February through June included reports of 322 species in Illinois, including one exotic. Among these reports was a nice assortment of rarities. Among the best finds were 11 Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks in Clay County, a male Eurasian Wigeon in McLean County, a lingering adult Glaucous-winged Gull at Carlyle Lake, a Kirtland's Warbler at Chicago, a male Western Tanager in Champaign County, and Painted Buntings at feeders in both Winnebago and Saline Counties. Other remarkable reports pending acceptance by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC) include: a female Garganey in Kane County, a Neotropic Cormorant at Carlyle Lake, single Prairie Falcons at two central Illinois sites, an adult Little Gull in far southern Illinois, Black-tailed Gulls in both Monroe and Lake Counties, a White-winged Dove at an Urbana feeder, a potential regional first Brown-crested Flycatcher at Carlyle Lake, five Bewick's Wren reports from four different counties, three Sprague's Pipits at Pyramid State Park and two additional in Clinton County, another male Western Tanager, a Bachman's Sparrow at Carlyle Lake, female Lark Buntings at two sites in central Illinois on the same date, and two Hoary Redpolls in Cook County in the latter half of March. Of the 31 reports requiring IORC review, only about 60% were accompanied by documentation.

Weather patterns during February produced below-average temperatures overall through most of the state. Some areas reported temperatures that were 10 to 20 degrees below normal much of the month. A significant winter storm passed through Illinois 31 January-1 February, affecting most counties. Substantial accumulations of snow were reported statewide, but a band from Jersey County to Kankakee County received the heaviest snowfall. Within this band, the highest reported snowfall came from Sangamon County, with localized totals exceeding 12 inches. Heavy precipitation became the theme of the 2008 spring season. A few periods during February saw above average temperatures. From about 4-5 February, southern Illinois experienced temperatures that nearly reached 70°F. A significant low pressure system passed through the state 16-19 February, bringing thunderstorms and Chicago's highest temperatures for the month (47°F). The first migrant Aythya ducks were reported at Chicago during this period. The beginning of a massive wave of White-winged Scoter reports began 22-23 February, with records from Lake Michigan and numerous downstate lakes. The season's final elevation in temperature bumped the mercury to meet, or just exceed, the average high for the period on 28-29 February. A total of sixteen species of waterfowl arrived through the latter half of February. Twelve additional species of migrants were noted as February arrivals, the most notable being three Red-throated Loons along Lake Michigan.

March weather systems continued to provide heavy precipitation; however, overall temperatures were more stable and generally in line with expected averages. The period from 1-3 March yielded strong southerly winds with gusts reaching nearly 40 mph. This system ushered in the arrival of at least 30 additional species and marked the first push of insectivorous migrants for the spring. Harlequin Duck and Varied Thrush in Cook County were the highlights of this wave. Though March temperatures were generally in line with averages, the passage of numerous low pressure systems throughout the month provided ample opportunities for eager migrants to travel north. The month of March showed a significant number of early arrivals, some of which were record early for the state, including a White-eyed Vireo on 20 March, single male Hooded Warblers at four (!) sites 21-25 March, single Yellow-throated Vireos at two sites 22-25 March, a Caspian Tern on 25 March, and an adult male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher on 27 March.

Heavy spring rains continued through April, leaving many areas flooded throughout the state, particularly in southern Illinois. A minor excursion in above-average temperatures was noted in central and northern Illinois 5-8 April, accompanied by southerly winds and a few new arrivals. A strong low pressure system passed through the state 9-15 April, which yielded heavy rains and significant migratory activity. Two record early arrivals were associated with this system: Gray-cheeked Thrush on 11 April in Sangamon County and Mississippi Kite on 15 April in Adams County. About 30 additional species were noted as arriving during this period, with a male Cinnamon Teal in Henry County being the most unusual. The first two individuals amid the biggest invasion of Black-necked Stilts ever recorded in Illinois arrived in Alexander County on 13 April. Black-necked Stilts were detected in at least seven counties by the end of April, the northernmost report coming from Coles County. Stilt numbers would continue to climb to record highs through the month of May and into June. From about 16-25 April, statewide weather was rather static, but winds maintained a strong southerly component, and temperatures climbed above average for the central and northern sections of the state. This period showed heavy migratory activity with more than 45 species noted as new arrivals, 15 of which were war-

blers. The most unusual migrants of this wave were an adult male Rufous Hummingbird in Adams County and a Spotted Towhee in Clinton County. From 26 April to month's end, temperatures were about average. April yielded a few record spring high counts: 13 Surf Scoters at Illinois Beach State Park, a total of 349 Common Loons in Lake and McHenry Counties, and a second-passage high count of 600 American Pipits at Carlyle Lake. Additional noteworthy observations through April included a Glossy Ibis in Alexander County 23 April-5 May, six White-faced Ibises in Union County on 25 April, and an extralimital Swainson's Hawk (pending IORC review) in Cook County on 26 April.

Gusty south winds initiated the month of May and persisted through 7 May. This system boosted temperatures to above average statewide through 6 May. A minor low pressure disturbance that passed through 7-9 May added more rain, shifted winds to the north, and dropped temperatures back to normal. Some interesting species were found during this period: a Pacific Loon at Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge, a Glossy Ibis in Lawrence County, and - very rare downstate - a Whimbrel in Brown County. An intense low pressure system entered Illinois the evening of the statewide Spring Bird Count on 10 May, dumping more rain onto an already saturated region and bringing wind gusts in excess of 40 mph. An immature Black-legged Kittiwake at Waukegan was among the finest of species recorded during the count. Reported just two days after the count were two extralimital Fish Crows in Cook County (pending IORC review). A series of insignificant weather systems occurred on 13-14 and 16-21 May that provided some limited south winds favorable for migration. A record-late Red-necked Grebe on 18-21 May was noted during this time. The center of a moderate low pressure system passed through Illinois the night of 25-26 May, providing some intense migratory activity, particularly in central Illinois. From the 28th through the end of May, a fairly strong and slow-moving low pressure system provided the last movements for the month. An adult Thayer's Gull on 28 May was record late. An overmigrant Mississippi Kite in Lake County was noted on 30 May. The month of May provided some record high spring counts, including 78 Black-necked Stilts on 25 May, 101 Spotted Sandpipers on 9 May, 848 Caspian Terns on 10 May, 11 Connecticut Warblers in Urbana on 26 May, and 915 House Sparrows on 19 May.

Spring migration proceeded well into June. More than 85 species were noted as June departures, and of these, at least 15 were noted on or after 15 June. A large number of June departures were worthy of highlighting due to their significant tardiness; see the individual species accounts that follow.

Records not contained in original submissions by some of the cited observers in this report were contributed by local subcompilers for Chicago's Jackson Park (fide PRC) and Coles County (fide LBH). Several reports included in this compilation were extracted from text within correspondence to electronic mailing lists titled Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts (IBET) and Birdnotes (Champaign-Urbana area sightings). Dan Kassebaum provided useful historical summaries of Illinois data on warblers in particular. Many of the remarks regarding specific weather patterns, as well as historical references to such, were guided by data found at www.wunderground.com and www.nws.noaa.gov.

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The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	earliest arrival(s)
MC	maximum count(s)
LD	latest departure(s)
*	documented record
m.ob.	many observers
:ph	photographed
ad.	adult(s)
imm.	immature(s)
1st/2nd/...	first plumage year/ second plumage year/...
Btm(s)	Bottom(s)
CA	Conservation Area
Co(s)	County (Counties)
Crk	Creek
FP	Forest Preserve
Gr(s)	Grassland(s)
L	Lake
L&D	Lock & Dam (Mississippi River)
LWR	Land & Water Reserve
NC	Nature Center
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
P	Park
Pr	Prairie
(N)Psv	(Nature) Preserve
R	River
Rd	Road
SF	State Forest
SFWA	State Fish & Wildlife Area
SHS	State Historic Site
SNA	State Natural Area
SP	State Park
Twp	Township
Wds	Woods

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c. = central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks..

Afton FP	Afton Forest Preserve (De Kalb Co)
American Btms	American Btms (Monroe Co)
AMAX Wabash Mine	AMAX Coal Company Wabash Mine, Keensburg (Wabash Co)
Baldwin L	Baldwin Lake (Randolph/St. Clair Cos)
Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
(L) Bloomington	(Lake) Bloomington (McLean Co)
Busey Wds	Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co)
Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
Chau	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Grant P, JP, Linc.P, LCal, Montrose H)
Crab Or.	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
(L) Decatur	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
E Cape Girardeau	E Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EStL	East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)
Ft Massac	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Goose L Pr	Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
Grant P	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GrtLakes	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
Guzy Pr	"Guzy Prairie" = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands Land and Water Reserve (Shelby Co)
Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
Heron Pond NPsv	Heron Pond-Wildcat Bluff Nature Preserve, Upper Cache River unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
IL	Illinois
JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee	Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
Larue-Pine Hills	Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
LCal	Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
LeVasseur P	LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
Linc.P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H)
Mackinaw Bluffs	Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
Mermet L	Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co)
Midewin Pr	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Miss.	Mississippi
Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Nachusa Grs	Nachusa Grasslands (Ogle Co)
N Pt Marina	North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Palos	Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
Pecatonica	Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) and local forest preserves
Pomona	Pomona (Jackson Co)
PrRdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Salt Crk Wds	Salt Creek (Bob Mann) Woods Nature Preserve (w. Cook Co)
Santa Fe Btms	Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
Sauer Pr	Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
Sgmn Co	Sangamon Co
Siloam Springs	Siloam Springs State Park (Adams/Brown Cos)
Urb.	Urbana (Champaign Co)
Upper Cache	Upper Cache River / Little Black Slough unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co) (see also Heron Pond)
Wauk.	Waukegan (Lake Co)
Wbgo Co	Winnebago Co
Winthrop H	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

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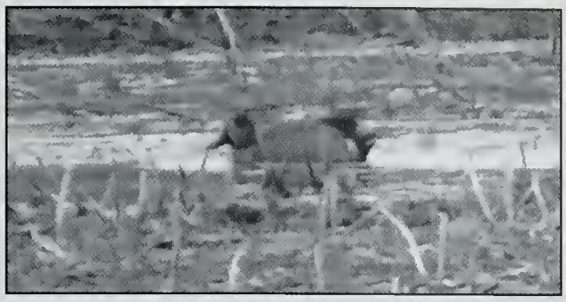


Cinnamon X Blue-winged Teal, Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County. 21 March 2008. Photo by Frank Holmes.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK
MC: 11, near Iola (Clay Co), 7 May (CLH:ph, RES:ph).

Greater White-fronted Goose
EA: 29 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 2507, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 850+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 817, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 500, Santa Fe Btms, 2 Mar (DMK); 325, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 300, River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 1 Mar (EJC); 200, La Salle Co, 9 Mar (DJS); 150, Maize Rd (Stephenson Co), 22 Mar (DTW). **LD**: **6 Jun**, Bloomington (MEF); **22 May**, LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 Apr, Carl.C (MSS). **Other**: 13 Mar (5), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW).

Snow Goose
EA: 23 Feb (1600+), Edgar Co (EWW); 2 Mar (21), LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar (5), ne. Boone Co (DTW). **MC**: **80,000**, Carl.C & Santa Fe Btms, 1 & 2 Mar, respectively (DMK); 6425 (3296 white morph, 3129 blue morph), Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB); 5012, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 4000, sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Mar (LLH) - "the biggest flock I've ever seen in McDonough County" (LLH). **LD**: **12 Jun** (1 white morph & 1 blue morph), Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 May, Miss. R Levee (Union Co) (DMK, MSS); 19 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM); 12 May, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (EWW); 11 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

Ross's Goose
EA: 24 Feb (2), Edgar Co (EWW); 7 Mar, Grant P (DFS); 11 Mar (2), ne. Boone Co (DTW). **MC**: 17, Kankakee Co, 5 & 10 Mar (JBH); 16, Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co), 8-9 Mar (DL, UWG); 11, Big Rock (Kane Co), 8 Mar (DFS); 6, Baldwin L, 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Santa Fe Btms & Carl.C, 2 & 8 Mar, respectively (DMK); 3, Montrose H, 6-9 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 30 Mar (2), Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 23 Mar, Smith L (Scott Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (DMK, KAM); 16 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Cackling Goose
EA: 23 Feb (3), Paris (Edgar Co) (EWW); 1 Mar (9), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 70, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Mar (C&PD); 20, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 14, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 12, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 16 May, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD); 28 Mar, Chau (RG&SNB); 9 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Canada Goose
MC: 4900, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 4175, w. Will Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 1389, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 331, JP, 23 Feb (PRC). **LD**: 30 Mar (39 in passage), JP (PRC).

Mute Swan
MC: 48, Wolf L, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 24, Channahon (Will Co), 2 Mar (DFS); 8, JP, 20 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 9-20 May (imm.), JP (KMC, PRC); 2 Apr, JP (PRC). **Others**: 2 Mar (2), O'Fallon Sewage Ponds (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 2 May-end of season, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 25 May (2), HL (DMK, MSS).

Trumpeter Swan
EA: 2 Mar (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (JOS). **MC**: 18 (11 ad., 7 imm.), Durand (Wbgo Co), 16 Mar (DTW, LGB); 13 (several with yellow neck collars), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 9 Mar (DJS); 7, Channahon (Will Co), 2 Mar (DFS); 6, Ashton (Lee Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 5, Pecatonica, 22 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 19 Apr (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (SDB, m.ob.); 22 Mar-15 Apr (pair), L Katherine NPsv, Palos (SF, WJM); 5 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS); 1 Apr (2 imm.), s. of Clifton (Iroquois Co) (SDB). **Others**: 14 Mar (4), Chau (RG&SNB); 15 Mar (3), Horseshoe L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 16 Mar (4), Como (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (3), Saganashkee Slough, Palos (SF).

Tundra Swan
EA: 9 Mar, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH). **MC**: 55, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 20 Mar (LLH); 16, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 4, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW); 3, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 2, AMAX Wabash Mine, 12 Mar (CLH). **LD**: 5 Apr, Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS); 15 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (TAM, KAM).

Wood Duck
EA: 29 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 Mar (3), Milan (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 3 Mar (male), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar (male), bend of Little Calumet R, LCal (WJM); 11 Mar (pair), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC**: 164, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 63, Chau, 9 May (RG&SNB); 25, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 8, JP, 1 Apr (KMC).

Gadwall
EA: 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 600, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 235, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 113, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD). **LD**: 28 May (male), LCal (WJM); 9-19 May (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 15 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 13 May (24 - 16 males), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

EURASIAN WIGEON
EA: 2-4 Apr (ad. male), Downs (McLean Co) (MEF, CAT, APS, BAH, DMK:ph, KAM, MSS, m.ob.).

American Wigeon
EA: 2 Mar (4), Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 31 Mar (pair), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC**: 64, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 60, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 21, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD). **LD**: 15-19 May (pair), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 15 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 4 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

American Black Duck
EA: 4 Mar (4), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW). **MC**: 26, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 4, Crab Or., 1 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 15-29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **Others**: 2 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 15 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, TAM).

Mallard
MC: 10,728, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 800, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 40 (26 males, 14 females), JP, 9 Apr (PRC).

Blue-winged Teal
EA: 2 Mar, HL (FRH); 9 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar (2), Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 22 Mar, Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 1 Apr (2 pairs), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 5 Apr (pair), JP (PJP); 13 Apr (12), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 210, E Cape Girardeau, 13 Apr (KAM); 126, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 27, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 20+, nw. Henry Co, 13 Apr (EWW); 14, Chau, 11 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 26 Apr (2), JP (PKD). **Other** (apparent Blue-winged Teal x Cinnamon Teal hybrid): 21 Mar, HL (FRH:ph).

Cinnamon Teal
EA: 13 Apr (male), nw. Henry Co (EWW:ph).

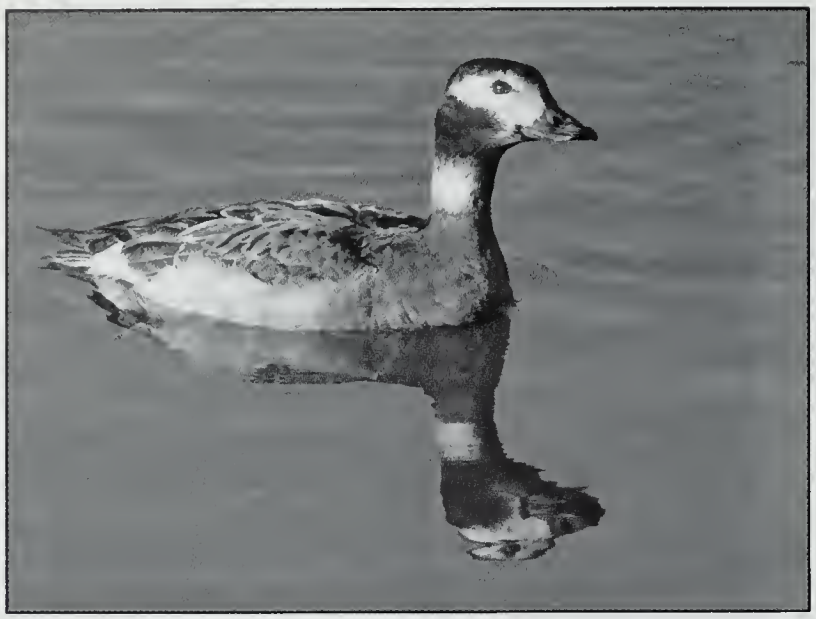
Northern Shoveler
EA: 2 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Mar (male), JP (KMC). **MC**: 800, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 740+, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Mar (KAM); 252, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD); 180, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 20 Apr (DTW); 155, American Btms, 20 Mar (C&PD); 100, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 90, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 1 Jun (pair), Afton FP (DTW); 25 May (3 - 2 males), Ware (Union Co) (EWW); 9-19 May (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 19 May (pair), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (EWW); 17 May (3), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 29 Apr (male), JP (KMC).

Northern Pintail
EA: 9 Mar (10), La Salle Co (DJS). **MC**: 4664, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 500, Santa Fe Btms, 9 Mar (KAM); 400+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 300, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 24 May (male), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 18 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 13 May (male), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 10 May (4 - 3 males), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (EWW); 19 Apr, Afton FP (DJS); 5 Apr (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

GARGANEY
[22 May (female), Sauer Pr].

Green-winged Teal
EA: 29 Feb (4), HL (KAM); 3 Mar (11 males), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 1000, Eagle P Marsh (Madison Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 975+ (including an albino), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 23 Mar (EWW); 642, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 200, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 150, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 17 Mar (DTW); 80, American Btms, 20 Mar (C&PD). **LD**: 15 May-1 Jun (2 males), Afton FP (EWW, DJS, DTW); 21 May-1 Jun (male), LCal (WJM); 23 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 5 May (male), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 27 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 15 Apr (2 males), JP (CBA).

Canvasback
EA: 23 Feb (10), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 23 Feb, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EWW); 9 Mar (4 - 2 pairs), JP (PRC); 10 Mar (30), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 600, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 600, Senachwine L (Putnam Co), 16 Mar (DJS); 550+, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 328, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 300+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co),



25 Mar (AGD); 94, Wolf L, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 23, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co), 22 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 26 May (male), La Salle L (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 May (male), Erie (Whiteside Co) (DFS); 13 Apr (12), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 5 Apr (30), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), Massac Co (KAM); 20 Mar (3 - 1 male, 2 females), JP (PRC).

Redhead

EA: 17 Feb (11 - 10 males, 1 female), JP (PRC); 24 Feb (6), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 24 Feb (7), e. Edgar Co (EWW); 29 Feb (6), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 331, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 212, LCal, 4 Mar (DFS); 62, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 30 Mar (DJS); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 2 Mar (DMK); 6, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 17 May (7 - 5 males), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 9 Apr (7- 4 males, 3 females), JP (PRC); 9 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW); 5 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 1 Apr (51), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 31 Mar, Massac Co (KAM). **Remarks**: A good spring in Linc.P for this species with higher than usual total numbers (GAW).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 17 Feb (female), JP (PRC); 1 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Mar (44), Wolf L, LCal (CAM). **MC**: 3000, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2200+, HL, 9 Mar (KAM); 813, Chau, 14 Mar (RG&SNB); 735, Grundy Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 230, American Btms, 26 Mar (C&PD); 225, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 31 Mar (DTW); 4 (females), JP, 23 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 22 May-15 Jun (4 - 2 pairs), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 May-1 Jun (male), LCal (WJM); 25 May (male), JP (KMC, PRC) - record late date for JP (PRC); 17 May (male), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 13 May (pair), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr (pair), Mermet L (KAM, MSS et al.).

Greater Scaup

EA: 17 Feb (163), JP (PRC); 8 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 24 Mar (9), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 4 Apr (2), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (DTW). **MC**: 163, JP, as above; 150, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 12, Carl.C, 9 Mar (DMK); 12, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW); 6, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 28 May (ad. male), Winthrop H (EWW); 17 May (pair), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (SBB, WJM); 17 May (male), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 9-15 May (male), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 11 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK:ph); 25 Apr (4), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 15 Apr (pair), JP (KMC).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 17 Feb (5 - 2 males, 3 females), JP (PRC); 29 Feb (17), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 5100+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 25 Mar (AGD); 2000, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DJS); 2000, Carl.C, 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 1316, Chau, 21 Mar (RG&SNB); 461, bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 4 Mar (WJM, SF); 108, JP, 20 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 3-4 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 25 May, Eagle P Marsh (Madison Co) (DMK, MSS); 25 May, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 21 May, E. Cape Girardeau (SDB); 21 May (male), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM); 15-19 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 17 May (pair), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (WJM); 17 May (pair), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 15 May (male & female), Urb. (SDB).

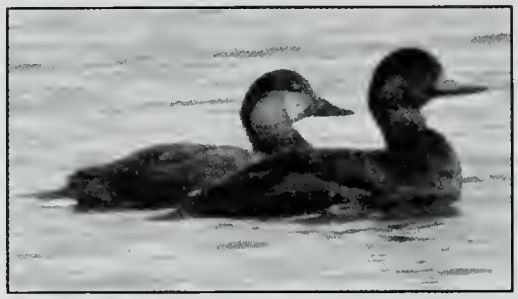
Harlequin Duck

EA: 1-9 Mar (male), North Ave. Beach, Chi (TFK, KAB:ph, RLS). **LD**: [13 Apr (female), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co)].

Surf Scoter

EA: 20 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 30 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF). **MC**: **13**, South Unit, IBSP, 27 Apr (RDH) - **record spring high count**; 2, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 2 May (female), Olson L, Rock Cut (DTW).

Long-tailed Duck at Montrose, Cook County. 12 March 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.



Black Scoter pair at Montrose, Cook County. 1 April 2008. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

White-winged Scoter

EA: 22 Feb-1 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS, m.ob.); 23 Feb (3), N Pt Marina (DTW, EWW); 23 Feb (4), e. Edgar Co (EWW); 23 Feb (10), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 24 Feb (4 - 2 pairs), L Shelbyville (Shelby Co) (EWW); 25 Feb (3), Wolf L, LCal (DFS); 6 Mar (4), Montrose H (GAW); 8 Mar, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 22 Mar (3), Saganashkee Slough, Palos (SF, CMA). **MC**: 32, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 30, Wauk., 29 Mar (RDH); 22, East Fork L (Richland Co), 6-11 Mar (CLH, RES); 13, N Pt Marina, 29 Mar (RDH); 10 (1 ad. male, 9 female-types), bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 3-4 Mar (CDH, WJM, SF); 10 (female-types), Wolf L, LCal, 21 & 24 Mar (WJM); 9, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 7, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 7 Mar (CLH, RES); 3, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Mar (CLH). **LD**: 12 Mar-15 Apr (female), Mermet L (KAM: ph, MSS); 4 Apr (female-type), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 2 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 Mar, JP (PRC); 30 Mar, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 30 Mar (3), Wauk. (EWW); 26-29 Mar (male), Mermet L (JS, FKB); 29 Mar (4), Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 Mar (3), Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (DFS); 15-20 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 20 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **Remarkably widespread, with unprecedented volume of reports for spring.**

Black Scoter

EA: 23 Mar, Montrose H (RDH); 29 Mar (imm. male), N Pt Marina (RDH). **MC**: 2, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 2, Montrose H, 1 Apr (NL). **LD**: 27 Apr (2 - 1 ad. male, 1 female), South Unit, IBSP (RDH).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 11-12 Mar (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 12-16 Mar (female), Carl.C (BF, DMK, MSS, KAM et al.); 12 Mar (female), Montrose H (SGSph); 16 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 3+, Wauk., 29 Mar (RDH). **LD**: 13 Apr (female), JP (CBA, PRC); 29 Mar-6 Apr (female), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM, WMR); 24 Mar-5 Apr (male), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH). **Other**: 24 Feb (overwintered), e. Edgar Co (EWW).

Bufflehead

EA: 1 Mar (6 - 3 ad. males, 3 others), JP (KMC); 4 Mar (2), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 Mar (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 150+, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 25 Mar (AGD); 86, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 78 (44 males, 34 female-types), JP, 31 Mar (PRC) - record high count for JP (PRC); 62, HL, 9 Mar (KAM); 60, Ogle Co, 30 Mar (DJS); 40, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 35, Grundy Co, 26 Mar (DFS); 34, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 1 May (female), Winthrop H (EWW); 20 Apr (10), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Apr (14), Massac Co (KAM, MSS); 15 Apr (4), JP (KMC).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 17 Feb (53 - 9 ad. males, 44 other), JP (PRC); 25 Feb (28), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 520, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 325+, Big Slough (Carroll Co), 15 Mar (EWW); 200, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 178, Linc.P, 16 Mar (GAW); 151, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 104, bend of Little Calumet R, LCal, 1 Mar (WJM). **LD**: 10 May, Clinton Co (MSS, KAM, RSH); 21 Apr, Grant P (DFS); 12 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 24 Feb (10), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 25 Feb (2), Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 4 Mar (3 - 2 ad. males, 1 other), JP (PRC); 10 Mar (15), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: **139**, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 35, Kidd L Marsh SNA (Monroe Co), 20 Mar (C&PD); 6 (2 ad. males, 4 other), JP, 27 Mar (KMC). **LD**: 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 20 May (female), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (KAM); 15 Apr (3), JP (SF).

Common Merganser

EA: 25 Feb (8), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 1460, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 1430, Will Co, 2 Mar (DFS); 550, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 400, Crab Or., 1 Mar (KAM); 314, Linc.P, 24 Feb (GAW); 200, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 6 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 Apr (6), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 Mar, Montrose H (SSph); 20 Mar (33), Montrose H (GAW).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 24 Feb (2), Carl.C (KAM); 29 Feb (4 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 March, Montrose H (SSph). **MC**: 1400, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 500, Chi, 15 Mar (TAM); 188, Chau, 4 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 27 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 10 May (female), Clinton Co (KAM); 10 May (7), JP (OSM); 9 May (female), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 29 Apr, Crab Or. (LW); 27 Apr (female), Grafton (Jersey Co) (EWW); 12 Apr (8), Baldwin L (TJD).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 4 Mar, JP (PRC); 13 Mar (4), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 5000, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2159, Chau, 4 Apr (RG&SNB); 820, HL, 7 Apr (TJD); 320, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 310, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 18 Mar (TJD); 18, McGinnis Slough (Cook Co), 10 May (WSS); 3 (males), JP, 9 Apr (PRC et al.). **LD**: 24 May (6), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 23 May (9), LCal (WJM); 21 May (10), E. Cape Girardeau (SDB); 19 May (4 - 2 pairs), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 18 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 Apr (pair), JP (KMC, PRC).

Gray Partridge

None reported.

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 30, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 15, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MJW); 7, Iroquois Co, 3 May (DFS); 6, Kankakee Co, 24 Apr (JBH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 44 & 39, PrRdg (Marion Co), 10 & 24 Mar resp. (RES).

Wild Turkey

MC: 80, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 21 Mar (DMK); 68, Edwards Co, 6 Apr (RES); 40, Shoal Crk Btms (Clinton Co), 2 Mar (DMK); 33, Grundy Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 26, Belvidere (Boone Co), 7 Mar (DTW); 17, Monroe Center (Ogle Co), 6 Mar (DTW).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 12, Marion Co, 24 Apr (RES); 10, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 4, w. of Canton (Fulton Co), 25 Mar (LLH). **Others**: 16 Mar, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Lake Co) (EWW); 30 May, Afton FP (DTW).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 23 Feb (3), N Pt Marina (DTW); 27 Mar, Chau (MJB); 29 Mar, Wauk. (RDH); 2 Apr (basic plumage), Montrose H (RDH). **LD**: 27 Apr (ad.), South Unit, IBSP (RDH); 21 Apr (2), IBSP (CSF); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK:ph, MSS); 19 Apr (3 - 1 in breeding plumage), South Unit, IBSP (RDH).

Pacific Loon

LD: 8 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR) - **fifth spring record for IL**.

Common Loon

EA: 12 Mar (4), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM); 21 Mar, Baldwin L (Randolph Co) (DMK); 22 Mar (18), Saganashkee Slough, Palos (CMA, SF); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS); 28 Mar, JP (PRC); 30 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 4 Apr (2), Candlewick L (Boone Co) (DTW). **MC**: **349**, Lake & McHenry Cos, 4 Apr (DBJ) - **record spring high count** (previously 148, Lake & McHenry Cos, 3 Apr 1992) and **second highest count overall** (previously 400+, Clin.L and Decatur, 3 Nov 1998); 15, L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos), 6 Apr (EWW); 14, Ned Brown ("Busse Wds") FP (Cook Co), 28 Mar (SAC); 12, Rock Cut, 9 Apr (MK). **LD**: 21 May, HL (KAM); 14 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 10 May, Carl.C (MSS, DMK, TAM); 5 May, Mermet L (KAM); 17 Apr (2), JP (KMC).

Pied-billed Grebe

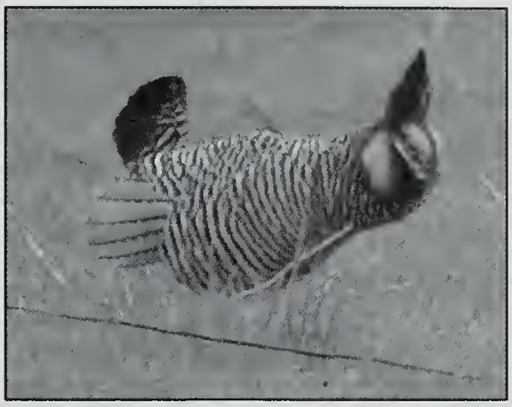
EA: 2 Mar, Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 4 Mar (2), Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 Mar, Chi (TAM); 15 Mar (3), Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 20 Mar (2), w. of Havana (Fulton Co) (LLH). **MC**: 30, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 22 Mar (DMK); 20, Chau, 11 Apr (RG&SNB); 8, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 6, IBSP, 20 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May, JP (PRC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 21 Feb (5), L Springfield (Sgmn Co) (HDB); 23 Feb, bend of Little Calumet R, LCal (B&FS, WJM); 29 Feb (13), Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 4 Mar, JP (PRC); 19 Mar (2), Edwards Co (RES); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS). **MC**: **120**, Baldwin L (Randolph Co), 21 Mar (DMK) - **second highest spring count**; 40+, East Fork L (Richland Co), 28 Mar (CLH); 30, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 22 Mar (SF); 26, LCal, 3 Apr (WJM); 20, Chau, 21 Mar (RG&SNB); 12, JP, 13 Apr (PRC, CBA). **LD**: **8-13 Jun** (alternate plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May (6), JP (OSM:ph); 8 May, Grant P (DFS); 24 Apr (transitional plumage), Mermet L (TAM); 24 Apr (basic plumage), Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co) (TAM); 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 10 Apr, Downs (McLean Co) (MEF).

Red-necked Grebe

LD: **18-21 May**, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (MAM, APS, KAM) - **record late spring date** (but note one June datum, 8 Jun 1967); 21 Apr-**12 May**, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH, RES) - third latest spring date; winter-30 Mar, Baldwin L (TJD).



Greater Prairie-Chicken at Newton Lake, Newton County. 12 April 2008. Photo by Alexandra Urgo.

Eared Grebe. Whalon Lake, Will County. 25 April 2008. Photo by Paul Dacko.

Eared Grebe

EA: 29 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 11 Apr, Grant P (DFS). **LD**: 8 May, Chi (JDW *fide* DFS); 25 Apr (transitional plumage), Mermet L (TAM, SDB, CAT, DTW); 25 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (EWW et al., PDph); 18 Apr (2 in alternate plumage), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH).

American White Pelican

EA: 18 Feb (7), HL (KAM); 10 Mar (1083), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD); 12 Mar (90), Freeburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Mar (85), American Btms (C&PD); 28 Mar (5), Newton L (Jasper Co) (CLH); 5 Apr (32), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 6 Apr (72), Chau (LLH); 20 Apr (6), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW). **MC**: 1083, Adams Co, as above; 1070, Bureau Co, 15 Apr (DFS); 800, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK); 528, Chau, 4 Apr (RG&SNB); 200, Baldwin L, 22 Mar (TJD); 45, L&D#13 (Whiteside Co), 25 May (DTW). **LD**: 8 Jun, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 3 Jun, Hennepin L (DFS); 31 May (40), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS); 21 May, Mermet L (SDB); 20 May (47), Rock Island Co (DFS); 10 May (2), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 2 May, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

[EA: 30 Mar (documented), Carl.C**]**.

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 20 Mar (11), Chau (LLH); 2 Apr (8), JP (PRC). **MC**: 1405, Chau, 28 Mar (RG&SNB); 850+, Crab Or., 31 Mar (KAM); 640, L Renwick (Will Co), 23 Mar (DFS); 600+, Montrose H, 12 May (WSS); 600, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 389, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW); 61, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD).

American Bittern

EA: 28 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 29 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 12 Apr, Vermilion Co (JOS); 13 Apr (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD); 24 Apr, JP (PRC, NLB); 2 May, Rockfd (S&PO). **MC**: 5, American Btms, 20 Apr (C&PD); 2, Afton FP, 7 May (DTW); 2, Afton FP, 9 May (EWW); 2, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 17 May (SBB, WJM); 2, Guzy Pr, 18 May (TDF, RDF). **LD**: 25 May, Goose L Pr (CMA); 19 & 21 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 10 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, TAM); 10 May, Bureau Co (DFS); 10 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **Others**: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 27 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May, JP (OSM); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Least Bittern

EA: 22-26 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, TAM, DTW, IOS); 26 Apr (2), IBSP (JRS); 30 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May, near Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB). **MC**: 5, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 2, Steward Habitat Area (Lee Co), 18 May (EWW); 2, Mermet L, 18 & 24 May (CLH, DMK, MSS); 2, PrRdg, 28 May (CLH, RES). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (SGS); 1 Jun (female), Linc.P (SJH).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 28 Feb, LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar, GrtLks (EWW); 19 Mar, JP (KMC). **MC**: 100+, L Renwick (Will Co), 14 Mar (EWW); 63, Chau, 4 Apr (RG&SNB); 40, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 4, JP, 17 Apr (PRC).

Great Egret

EA: 9 Mar, HL (KAM); 15 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (TAM, KAM); 21 Mar (2), Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 22 Mar (3), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 23 Mar, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (DTW); 26 Mar, Crab Or. (LW); 27 Mar (6), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 30 Mar, n. of Macomb (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 200, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW); 82, Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 27 Apr (WJM); 80, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 56, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 9 May (RG&SNB); 50, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 1 Apr (TJD); 7, Pecatonica, 20 Apr (DTW); 5, Edwards Co, 14 Apr (RES). **LD**: 15 May, JP (KMC).

Snowy Egret

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 12 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 9 May, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB). **MC**: 54, Willard (Alexander Co), 26 May (EWW) - second highest spring count; 8, Kise Crossing (Monroe Co), 25 May (EWW). **LD**: 12-13 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 May, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH). **Others**: 9 May, HL (KAM); 18 May, Mermet L (CLH); 25 & 31 May, Indian L (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 30 Mar (2), Sauget (St. Clair Co) (KAM:ph); 5 Apr (2 ad.), Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 Apr (ad.), Edwards Co (RES); 15 Apr (ad.), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 15 Apr (ad.), Spring L CA (Tazewell Co) (MJB). **MC**: 119, HLCA, 23 Apr (KAM); 40, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 30, Miller City (Alexander Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 15, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 27 Apr (TJD); 3 (ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB). **LD**: 8-9 May, St. Joseph Wetland (Champaign Co) (MPW); 6 May (2), Clinton Co (KAM). **Others**: 22 Apr (6), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 25 Apr (5), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 May (2 ad.), Mermet L (CLH); 28 May (ad.), 126th St. Plastech wetland, LCal (CAM); 28 & 29 May ("calico"), Burnham Pr Marsh, LCal (CAM, WJM).

Cattle Egret

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 30 Mar, near Milam (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 6 Apr (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 11 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES); 13-14 Apr (2-3), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 19 Apr, near Shirland (Wbgo Co) (MHK). **MC**: 86, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 75, McClure (Alexander Co), 21 May (SDB); 50, Carl.C, 18 May (KAM); 20, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 12, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co), 10 May (DTW, BCW); 11, Sgmn Co, 5 Jun (HDB); 10, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 26 Apr (EWW); 10, Johnson Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 15-21 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 30 May, Keyesport (Bond Co) (DMK, MSS); 20 May (5), Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 10 May (2), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW).

Green Heron

EA: 13 Apr, JP (CBA); 13 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 17 Apr, Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 17 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 19 Apr, Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS). **MC**: 13, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 9, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 9 May (RG&SNB); 8, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 6, JP, 26 May (PRC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 1 Mar, HL (FRH); 25 Mar (ad.), JP (KMC); 29 Mar (4 ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal (WJM); 30 Mar, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 9 Apr, Spring L Btms (Tazewell Co) (MJW); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 234 (evening dispersal), Indian Ridge Marsh North, LCal, 27 Apr (WJM); 24, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 10 May (GAW); 10, JP, 13 Apr (PRC); 6, HL, 21 May (KAM); 4, EStL, 25 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 30 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 25 May (ad.), Minderman Marsh (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 20 May (3), Montrose H (KAM); 19 May (2 ad.), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 9 May (ad.), Afton FP (EWW); 5 May (imm.), LeVasseur P (JBH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 23 Apr, Pontoon Beach (Madison Co) (TJD); 24 Apr (2), Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 & 29 Apr (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 & 10 May (ad.), Indian Ridge Marsh South, LCal (WJM, MLB); 17-22 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (JL, DTW, RAM). **MC**: 6+ (nesting), Granite City (Madison Co), 7-31 May (FRH, KAM, DMK, MSS, IOS). **LD**: 6-15 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD, RDH, m.ob.).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Montrose, Cook County. 15 May 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

***Plegadis* sp?**

LD: 20 May (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Glossy Ibis

EA: 23 Apr-5 May, Ditch Rd rice fields (Alexander Co) (KAM, CAT, TAM, DRD, m.ob.). **LD**: 9 May, Wabash R (Lawrence Co) (CLH, RES).

White-faced Ibis

MC: 6, near Ware (Union Co), 25 Apr (GAW, CLW).

Black Vulture

MC: 30, Massac Co, 25 Mar (KAM); 17, Johnson Co, 1 Mar (KAM); 10, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 5, American Btms, 25 Apr (C&PD). **Others**: 25 Apr, Union Co (KAM, MSS); 24 May (2), Little Black Slough NPsv, Upper Cache (DMK, MSS); 31 May (2), Valmeyer (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 2 Mar (5), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 Mar, se. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Mar (4), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Apr, JP (KMC). **MC**: 89, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 45, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co), 23 Mar (RDD); 40, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH); 40, Chau & Clear L (Mason Co), 30 May (RG&SNB); 6, JP, 27 Apr (PRC, SF). **LD**: 29 May (23), Rock Cut (DTW); 26 May, JP (KMC).

Osprey

EA: 21 Mar (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Mar, Marissa (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 30 Mar-24 May (2 on nest), Powderhorn Pr & Marsh NPsv, LCal (CAM); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 24 Apr, JP (NLB, JCA). **LD**: 30 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 29 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 20 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 15 Apr, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD) - **record early date** by five days; 24 Apr, HLCA (KAM); 25 Apr, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (TAM, DTW, CAT, SDB); 26 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (MJH). **MC**: 70, Thebes (Alexander Co), 23 May (SDB). **LD**: 30 May, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (CEG). **Other**: 25 May (1st summer), Turkey Bluff SFWA (Randolph Co) (EWW).

Bald Eagle

MC: 38, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 28 (13 ad., 15 imm.), Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 17 (15 ad., 2 imm.), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co), 10 Mar (AGD); 12, Carl.C, 1-2 Mar (DMK); 8, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 14 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 23 May (imm.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 23 Apr (ad.), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD).]

Northern Harrier

EA: 16 Apr (female), JP (WSS, PRC). **MC**: 10, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 22 Mar (DMK, KAM); 7, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 6, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 & 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, Carl.C, 1 & 24 Mar (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 27 May (2 females), PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 24 & 25 May (female), American Btms (C&PD); 21 May (female), Clay Co (CLH); 17 May, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 10 May (imm.), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (RDH); 9 May (female), Hooppole (Henry Co) (EWW); 4 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 30 Apr, Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 26 Apr, JP (PKD, CBA). **Others**: 11 & 30 Mar, Marengo (McHenry Co) (DTW, EWW); 28 Mar (imm.), Chau (RG&SNB); 5 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 27 Apr, Ullin (Pulaski Co) (DTW); 1 May (female flying south along lakefront), Wauk. (EWW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 11 Mar (imm.), JP (KMC); 13 Mar, Wauk. (EWW); 29 Mar, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 29 Mar (MEF); 2, JP, 25 Apr (CBA, OSM). **LD**: 19 May, Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 10 May, White Co (RES, WAS); 6 May, s. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 1 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 26 Apr, JP (PKD); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Chau (RG&SNB).

Cooper's Hawk

EA: 15 Mar (ad. female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW). **MC**: 4, w. Cook Co, 11 Mar (DFS); 4, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB); 3, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 2 (pair - ad. male, imm. female), JP, 23 Feb & 6 Apr (PRC).

Northern Goshawk

EA: 6 Mar (ad.), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 10, Massac Co, 1 Mar (KAM); 4, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 3, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW). **Others**: 1 Mar, Chau (RG&SNB); 15 Mar (1st year), Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, e. of New

Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW); 8-29 May (imm.), Rock Cut (DTW); 20 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 12 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 18 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS); 25 Apr (2), Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (EWW). **MC**: 3, Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co), 27 Apr (WJM); 3, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 3, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 3, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co), 3 May (WJM); 3, Palos, 10 May (WSS). **LD**: 26 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 21 May, Siloam Springs (KAM); 17 May, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WJM, SBB); 3 May (1st summer), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (EWW, WSS); 28 Apr (2), Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH).

Swainson's Hawk

[**EA**: 26 Apr, Cook Co].

Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 3 Apr (imm.), JP (KMC). **MC**: 28, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 16 Mar (DMK); 15, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH). **LD**: 18 May (imm.), JP (PRC); 18 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - imm. dark morph), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 14 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - intermediate morph), Bloomington (MJW).

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 4, Pecatonica, 9 Mar (DTW). **LD**: **3 & 18 May** (light morph), Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (JLS); 19 Mar (dark morph), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 16 Mar (dark morph), Hennepin L (DJS); 16 Mar, e. Stephenson Co (DTW); 15 Mar, Lake Co (GAW).

Golden Eagle in Iroquois County. 16 March 2008. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Yellow Rail at Springbrook Prairie, DuPage County. 20 April 2008. Photo by Joe Suchecki.

Golden Eagle

EA: 14 & 23 Mar, Heidecke L (Grundy Co) (EWW, REF); 16 Mar, Iroquois Co (KHph).

American Kestrel

EA: 25 Mar, JP (PJP). **MC**: 12, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 4, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co), 24 Mar (AGD).

Merlin

EA: 13 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH). **LD**: 16 May, Carl.C/F (KAM); 3 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM); 30 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (GAW, CLW).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 30 Mar, Marengo (McHenry Co) (EWW); 12 Apr (*F.p. tundrius*), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr, E Cape Girardeau (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, Marion Co (CLH). **LD**: 25 May, EStL (DMK, MSS); 21 May, Wayne/Richland Cos (CLH); 19 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 3 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM). **Others**: 11 Mar (pair), Calumet R, LCal (WJM); 4 May (ad.), Mode (Shelby Co) (EWW, WSS); 27 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).

PRAIRIE FALCON

[12 Mar, n. Coles Co. **LD**: 10 May, Brown Co].

Yellow Rail

EA: 18 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (JDC); 19 Apr (2), Guzy Pr (TDF, RDF); 20 Apr, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (JLS:ph). **LD**: 10 May, Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co) (MJF, JRRS, EL); 4 May, Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co) (WSG); 3 May, near Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB); 29 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES).

King Rail

EA: 22-25 Apr, Easter Slough, Shawnee College Rd (Pulaski Co) (KAM, MSS); 5 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 9 May, Spunky Btms (Brown Co) (MPW, TW); 10 May, Pecatonica (DTW); 10 May-end of season, Guzy Pr (TAM); 10-17 May (male), Carl.C (TAM, DMK, MSS et al.). **MC**: 3, Brown Co, 10 May (MPW, TW); 3, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 29 May (SAC et al.). **Others**: 22 May, PrRdg (RES); 24 May, Goose L Pr (DFS).

Virginia Rail

EA: 4 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 11 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TDF, IOS); 22 Apr (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 28 Apr, PrRdg (RES); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 6, nw. Cook Co, 10 May (GAW); 4, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW). **LD**: 28 May (2 ad.), American Btms (C&PD); 22 May, PrRdg (CLH); 20 May, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (KAM); 17 May, Guzy Pr (TAM).

Sora

EA: 26 Mar, Marion Co (RES); 4 Apr (2), PrRdg (DMK, MSS, KAM); 11 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TDF, IOS); 14 Apr, Heron Pond, LCal (WJM); 20 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 18, nw. Cook Co, 10 May (GAW); 10, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 25 Apr (EWW); 10, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 10 May (RDH); 8, Whalon L (Will Co), 19 Apr (WSS); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF). **LD**: 26 May, Tabler Rd (Kane Co) (DFS); 20 May (2), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (KAM); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 May (6), Guzy Pr (TAM); 16 May, Chau (RG&SNB).

Common Moorhen

EA: 9 May, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 10 May, Deadstick Pond, LCal (WJM, MLB). **MC**: 3, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 31 May (WJM). **Others**: 18 May, Almond Marsh (Lake Co) (DRD); 18 May, Mermet L (CLH); 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM); 18 May, Madison Co (FRH).

American Coot

MC: 2050, HL, 9 Mar (KAM); 1784, American Btms, 30 Mar (C&PD); 1200, Carl.C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 734, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 264, JP, 9 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 26 May, JP (PRC); 21 May, E Cape Girardeau (160) (SDB).

Sandhill Crane

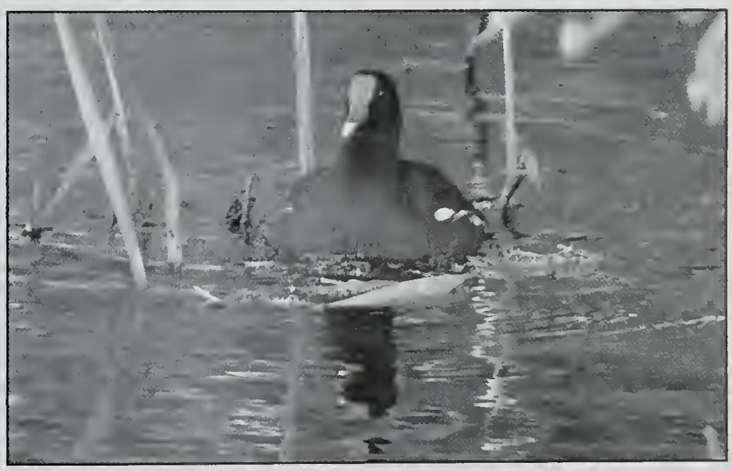
EA: 1 Mar (195 in 4 groups), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 1 Mar (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 2 Mar (6), Barrington (Cook Co) (DTW); 4 Mar (2), Rockfd (DTW); 20 Mar (delayed arrival at breeding site), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 183, Durand (Wbgo Co), 22 Mar (DTW); 75, Garden Prairie (Boone Co), 4 Apr (DTW); 49, Edwards Co, 1 Mar (RES). **LD**: 17-18 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 17 May, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WJM, SBB); 17 May (6), L&D#12 (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 7 May, Afton FP (DTW); 26-29 Mar (13), PrRdg (CLH).

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 5 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May, E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 10 May (3), American Btms (C&PD); 17 & 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18 May (5), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 May (4), Urb. (RDD); 20 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH). **MC**: 10, Winslow (Stephenson Co), 17 May (EWW); 8, American Btms, 26 May (C&PD); 6, near Harding (La Salle Co), 18 May (DJS). **LD**: 6 Jun, Deer Grove (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 31 May (2), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS); 27 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 23 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 12 Mar (19), Teague Hill Rd (Massac Co) (FKB); 20 Mar (85), nw. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 20 Mar (36), American Btms (C&PD); 24 Mar (30+), Richland Co (CLH); 5 Apr (50), Emery Rd & Greenswitch Rd (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 5 Apr (95+), se. Edgar Co (EWW). **MC**: **7780**, Young America Twp (Edgar Co), 13 Apr (BO); 3540, Milam Twp (Macon Co), 20 Apr (BO); 2000+, Fayette Co, 6 Apr (KAM); 2000+, se. of Mode (Shelby Co), 4 May (WSS, EWW); 600, Coles Co, 24 Apr (GAW); 119, Harrison (Wbgo Co), 20 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 2 Jun (2), Madison Co



Common Moorhen. Madison County. 18 May 2008. Photo by Frank Holmes.

(MSS); 31 May, Urb. (GSL); 26 May, American Btms (C&PD, DJJ); 25 May, E Cape Girardeau (EWW); 22 May (alternate plumage), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 17 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM); 17 May, McConnell (Stephenson Co) (EWW).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 24 Apr, Alexander Co (KAM); 1 May (2), Wauk. (EWW); 4 May (20), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 9 May (3), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 13 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 37, American Btms, 26 May (C&PD); 27, Sauer Pr, 26 May (DFS); 22, Afton FP, 7 May (DTW); 9, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 24 May (EWW); 3, JP, 26 May (PRC). **LD**: 7 Jun, LCal (WJM); 6 Jun (2), Yorktown (Bureau Co) (EWW); 4 Jun (2), JP (PRC); 31 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, lOS); 30 May (4), Afton FP (DTW); 29 May (8), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM).

Piping Plover

None reported.

Killdeer

EA: 2 Mar, JP (OSM); 2 Mar (3), McDonough Co (LLH); 12 Mar, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 15 Mar (2), Wolf L, LCal (CAM). **MC**: 30, LCal, 10 May (WJM); 16, Chau, 2 May (RG&SNB); 12, JP, 31 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 26 May, JP (PRC).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: **13 Apr** (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 18 Apr (2), Pulaski Co (KAM, MSS); 23 & 29 Apr (2), Santa Fe Btms (TAM, MSS); 23 Apr (3), Union Co (KAM); 25 Apr (2), Douglas-Hart NC (**Coles Co**) (DM) - **first county record** (LBH); 25 Apr (2), Crab Or. (DLT); 27 Apr (4), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 3 May (2), Jackson Co (LW); 10 May, Urb. (GSL); 15 May (9 ad.), American Btms (C&PD); 17 May (3 - 1 male, 2 females), Guzy Pr (TAM); 19 May (4), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH). **MC**: **78**, Alexander Co, 25 May (EWW); **43**, E Cape Girardeau, 22-23 Apr (KAM, TAM, DTW et al.); **35** (some nesting), Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, lOS); 11, Farina (Fayette Co), 20 May (CLH, RES); 11, American Btms, 24 May (C&PD); **9** (2 males, 7 females), L Decatur dredge ponds, 29 May (TAM, MFD); 8, Union Co, 25 May (EWW); 8 (1 nesting pair), AMAX Wabash Mine, 28 May (CLH, RES); 5 (distraction display), Sgmn Co, 14 Jun (HDB) - maximum count of stilts from Sgmn County with nesting individuals present from 6 Jun to 24 Jun; **4** (2 males, 2 females), LCal, 7 Jun (WJM). **LD**: 7 Jun (4), LCal, as above; 30 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 17 May, James Hawn Access, Carl.C (KAM); 27 Apr, Douglas-Hart NC (m.ob.:ph). **Others**: 5 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 19 May (2), Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (MJB); 25 May (4 - 2 pairs), Jackson Co (EWW); 27 May (4), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 28 May (10 ad.), American Btms (C&PD); 30 May (4), Santa Fe Btms (MSS). **Remarks**: **An unprecedented incursion**, with boldfaced counts providing new maxima for s., c., and n. lL; previous high counts for state overall peak at 14 birds and include young.

American Avocet

EA: 5-7 May, Afton FP (DJS, DTW); 9 May, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 11 May (3), Beecreek (Pike Co) (EWW). **LD**: 15 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Jun, GrtLakes (DRD); 25 May (4), Wolf L (Union Co) (EWW:ph).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 11 Apr, Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 12 Apr, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 12-13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 Apr, Osborn (Rock lsland Co) (EWW); 16 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: **101**, Chau, 9 May (RG&SNB) - **record spring high count**; 33, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 17 May (WJM, SBB et al.); 24, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM, MFD); 20, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS); 5, JP, 25 Apr & 25 May (CBA). **LD**: 28 May, 126th St. Plastech wetland, LCal (CAM); 26 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 26 May (3), JP (PRC); 21 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 3 Apr, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 Apr, HL (EWW); 11 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: 32, Bellrose Rsv, 22 Apr (KAM); 16, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal, 5 May (DFS, MPW); 13, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 26 Apr (EWW); 6, Chau, 9 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 17 May, Guzy Pr (TAM); 16 May (3), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 12 May (4), Germantown Btms (Clinton Co) (KAM); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 12 Mar (10), Pulaski Co (KAM); 16 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 8 Apr, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr (6), LCal (WJM); 18 Apr (8), Somonauk (La Salle Co) (DJS). **MC**: 112, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 105, E Cape Girardeau, 13 Apr (KAM); 55, Gilbert L (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 30, Santa Fe Btms, 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 30, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS). **LD**: **11 Jun**, Sgmn Co (HDB); **7 Jun**, LCal (WJM); 31 May, Urb. (GSL); 30 May, Afton FP (DTW); 24 May, E Cape Girardeau (DMK, MSS); 20 May, Goose L Pr (KAM); 17 May (2), Guzy Pr (TAM).

Willet

EA: 26 Apr, Mermet L (TAM, lOS); 26 Apr (3), Ditch Rd rice fields (Alexander Co) (TAM, lOS); 28 Apr-5 May, Afton FP (DJS et al.); 28-29 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES); 4 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 10 May, IBSP (RDH). **MC**: 24, Montrose H, 2 May (EWW, RDH et al.); 4, GrtLakes, 6 May (DRD). **LD**: 24-25 May, Urb. (HB, GSL et al.); 23 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 18 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (3), Sauer Pr (SAC, DJS); 15 May (injured wing), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 15 May (3), Winthrop H (EWW); 9 May, Big L (Brown Co) (MPW, TW).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 20 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 22 Mar (2), Crooked Crk (Washington Co) (EWW); 25 Mar (15), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 27 Mar (2), Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Apr (2), Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 20 Apr (17), Midewin Pr (CMA). **MC**: 350+, Santa Fe Btms, 3 May (KAM); 115, E Cape Girardeau, 13 Apr (KAM); 55, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 50, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 May (TJD); 46, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 4 May (DTW). **LD**: 4 Jun (6), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK); 26 May, Sauer Pr (DFS); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 19 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 17 May (30), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM); 17 May (2), Guzy Pr (TAM).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 9 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES); 19 Apr (2), Champaign Co, (SDB, m.ob.); 20 Apr, Midewin Pr (CMA); 22 Apr, Orland Gr (Cook Co) (WSS, SA). **MC**: 6, Midewin Pr, 10 May (CMA). **Others**: 17 Apr (2) and 27-29 May (2 on territory), PrRdg (CLH); 10 May, Brown Co (MPW, TW); 15 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (RES); 17 May, w. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 21 May, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (KAM).

Whimbrel

EA: 9 May, Big L (**Brown Co**) (MPW, TW).

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 3 May, Santa Fe Btms (MSS, DMK); 4 May (2), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB); 10 May (2), American Btms (C&PD); 15 May (5), Earlville (La Salle Co) (EWW); 18-21 May, Harrison (Wbgo Co) (MV, DTW, CAT, KAM) and 21 May (different from preceding), Wbgo Co (PS).

Marbled Godwit

EA: 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK:ph, MSS). **MC**: 2, Carl.C, 14 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 17 May, Roscoe (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 10 May, Wauk. (RDH); 17 May, Sauer Pr (DJS et al.); 17 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM); 19 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC**: 7, Montrose H, 19 May (DRD). **LD**: 8 Jun (2), Montrose H (GS); 3 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, American Btms (C&PD, DJJ); 26 May, Sauer Pr (DFS); 22-23 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 20 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

Red Knot

EA: 18 May, Montrose H (MJB). **LD**: 29 May (3 in alternate plumage), GrtLakes (BS *fide* DRD); 24 May, Montrose H (ABB et al.).

Sanderling

EA: 10 May (3), Keyesport (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS, TAM et al.); 15 May (16), L Michigan (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May, Montrose H (GAW); 19 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC**: **43**, American Btms, 28 May (C&PD) - record spring high count away from L Michigan; 16, Lake Co, 15 May, as above; 7, Montrose H, 19 May (GAW). **LD**: 28 May (8), Winthrop H (EWW); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 4 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 4 May, HL (FRH); 10 May, LCal (WJM); 17 May, McConnell (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 18 May (3), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 26 May (2), JP (PRC). **MC**: 185, American Btms, 26 May (C&PD); 53, L Decatur dredge ponds, 23 May (TAM); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 26, Willard (Alexander Co), 26 May (EWW); 25, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW). **LD**: 12 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Jun, GrtLakes (DRD); 9 Jun (3), Sauer Pr (DFS); 8-9 Jun, Winthrop H (EWW); 7 Jun (8), LCal (WJM); 7 Jun (5), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 4 Jun (20), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK); 30 May (19), Afton FP (DTW).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 9 May, Big L (Brown Co) (MPW, TW); 10 May, Richland Co (CLH); 17 May, American Btms (C&PD, DJJ); 20 May, Erie (Whiteside Co) (DFS). **LD**: 1 Jun, Afton FP (DTW, REF, KDF); 26 May, American Btms (C&PD, DJJ).

Least Sandpiper

EA: 22 Apr (30+), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 27 Apr, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 3 May (40), Santa Fc Btms (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 65, Big L (Brown Co), 12 May (EWW); 60, Santa Fe Btms, 17 May (DMK,

MSS, KAM); 49, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 17 May (WJM); 31, Stcphenson Co, 18 May (EWW). **LD**: 1 Jun (7), Afton FP (DTW); 28 May, LCal (WJM); 25 May, Reynoldsville (Union Co) (EWW); 21 May (20), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 10 May, Richland Co (CLH); 12 May (7), Big L (Brown Co) (EWW); 15 May, Sauer Pr (SAC); 19 May, Urb. (RFB). **MC**: 43, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 7 Jun (EWW); 30, Santa Fe Btms, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18, Reynoldsville (Union Co), 25 May (EWW); 14, Sauer Pr, 26 May (DFS); 12, American Btms, 23 May (C&PD); 6, Sgmn Co, 10 Jun (HDB). **LD**: **27 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Jun (3), Sauer Pr (DFS); 6 Jun (2), near Green River CA (Lee Co) (EWW); 6 Jun (4), Yorktown (Bureau Co) (EWW); 4 Jun (16), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK); 30 May-1 Jun (5), Afton FP (DTW).

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co) (DMK:ph, MSS); 28 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (EWW). **MC**: **19**, American Btms, 24 May (C&PD). **LD**: 26 May-1 Jun, Sauer Pr (DFS, REF, KDF); 19 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 10 May, Richland Co (CLH).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 22 Mar (50+), s. Clinton Co (KAM); 29 Mar (2), Teague Hill Rd (Massac Co) (FKB); 5 Apr (2), Emery Rd & Greenswitch Rd (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM); 20 Apr (2), Midewin Pr (CMA). **MC**: 1100, Alexander Co, 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 600, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 240, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 27 Apr (EWW). **LD**: **16 Jun**, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Jun (4), Sauer Pr (DFS); 31 May (6), Urb. (GSL); 26 May (4), Willard (Alexander Co) (EWW); 26 May (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 18 May (3), Volo (Lake Co) (DRD).

Dunlin

EA: 5 Apr (4), Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co) (DMK:ph, MSS); 30 Apr, LCal (WJM); 14 May (2), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: 35, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM, MFD); 29, Harrison (Wbgo Co), 18 May (DTW); 29, American Btms, 22 May (C&PD); 27, Winthrop H, 27 May (EWW). **LD**: 5 Jun (10), Montrose H (RDH); 30 May-1 Jun (4), Afton FP (DTW); 31 May, Urb. (GSL); 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 29 May (4), 126th St. Plastech wetland, LCal (CAM); 26 May (14), American Btms (C&PD); 21 May (15), E. Cape Girardeau (SDB).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 3-4 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 9 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 9 May, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 10 May (2), Richland Co (CLH). **MC**: 8, Galena (Jo Daviess Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD**: 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 9 May (2), Yorktown (Bureau Co) (EWW); 9 May (8), Chau (RG&SNB); 9 May, Wagon L (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May (3), LCal (WJM); 10 May (8), American Btms (C&PD). **MC**: 31, LCal, 17 May (WJM); 18, Earlville (La Salle Co), 15 May (EWW); 18, L Decatur dredge ponds, 15 May (TAM); 18, Montrose H, 19 May (GAW); 12, Roscoe (Wbgo Co), 17 May (DTW); 12, s. Clinton Co, 17 May (KAM). **LD**: 29 May ("Dowitcher, sp?"), LCal (WJM); 26 May (3), Sauer Pr (DFS); 19 May (4), Carl.C/F (KAM); 19 May (2), Hebron (McHenry Co) (EWW).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: **7 Mar** (37), Teague Hill Rd (Massac Co) (FKB) - **second earliest IL arrival**; 5 Apr (3), Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co) (DMK:ph, MSS). **MC**: **37**, Massac Co, **7 Mar**, as above - **unprecedented number so early in the season** (previous peak passages of 20+ birds fall 25 Apr-6 May); 20, Lyerla L (Union Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS, TAM et al.); 11, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 15 May (basic plumage), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 9 May (2), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 7 May (8), Afton FP (DTW); 5 May (5), Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 2 Mar, New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 9 Mar (6), PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 23 Mar (5), Grundy Co (DJS); 5 Apr (3), Emery Rd & Greenswitch Rd (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 7 Apr (11), Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co) (JSA); 8 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 41, nw. Henry Co, 13 Apr (EWW); 30, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 15 Apr (TJD); 10, Edgar Co, 5 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 21 May, PrRdg (CLH); 10 May, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 10 May (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (RDH); 9 May, Mendota (La Salle Co) (EWW); 8 May, Clay Co (CLH); 5 May, w. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 3 May (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

American Woodcock

EA: 8 Feb, Massac Co (FKB); 1 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 3 Mar, Grant P (DFS); 21 Mar, Hyde Park, Chi (AGT); 26 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 16 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 15, Vermilion Co, 18 Apr (SDB, IOS); 7, Kankakee Co, 15 Mar (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 4, Edwards Co, 9 Mar (RES). **LD**: 31 May, Grant P (DFS).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 1-3 May, Edwards Co (CLH, RES); 3 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 3 May, AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 5 May (6), Afton FP (DJS); 9 May (3 - 2 females), Como (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 9 May (5 - 3 females), Mendota (La Salle Co) (EWW); 10 May (female), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (WJM, MLB); 10-12 May (3), American Btms (C&PD); 13 May (2), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (EJC). **MC**: 13, Sauer Pr, 24 May (DJS); 9 (4 females), Rochelle (Ogle Co), 9 May (EWW); 7, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS); 6, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 May (TJD); 6, Roscoe (Wbgo Co), 17 May (EES *fide* DTW); 6, Guzy Pr, 18 May (TDF, RDF). **LD**: 1 Jun (4 - 3 females, 1 male), Guzy Pr (TAM); 26 May, American Btms (C&PD); 12 & 24 May (male), Big L (Brown Co) (EWW); 23 May (2 females), Bristol (Kendall Co) (EWW); 19 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 19 May (6 - 3 males), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 19 May (2), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW, EWW); 18 May (3 - 2 males), McConnell (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 17 May (pair), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (WJM, SBB et al.); 10 May (male), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, TAM); 10 May (pair), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (RDH).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: **3 May** (2 males), s. Clinton Co (KAM) - **second earliest spring date**; **9 May**, Big L (Brown Co) (MPW, TW); 22 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD).

Black-legged Kittiwake

LD: 10 May (1st year), Wauk. (RDH:ph) - about the tenth IL spring record.

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 8 Feb (8), L Decatur (TAM); 2 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK); 4 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 13 Apr (5), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 3000, Carl.C, 5 & 12-13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 112, Chau, 4 Apr (RG&SNB); 40+, L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos), 6 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 15-22 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 16 May (2 1st summer), Fulton (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 13 May, (1st summer), Wauk. (EWW); 10 May (2), Clinton Co (DMK, TAM).

LITTLE GULL

[EA: **29 Mar** (ad.), Teague Hill Rd (Massac Co)**]**.

Laughing Gull

EA: 3 May (ad.), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 1-5 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6-7 Jun (imm.), Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: 2, GrtLakes, 6 May (DRD). **LD**: 8 Jun (ad. & imm.), Sgmn Co (HDB).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 14 Mar, Peru (La Salle Co) (EWW); 21 Mar (9), Massac Co (FKB); 22 Mar, Baldwin L (Randolph Co) (EWW); 30 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Apr (2), L Springfield (Sgmn Co) (LW). **MC**: 18, HL, 12 May (EWW); 9, Massac Co, as above; 4, Carl.C, 11 May (DMK). **LD**: 16 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Jun (2 imm.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May (2nd summer), Winthrop H (EWW); 17 May, Montrose H (WSS); 16 May (ad.), American Btms (C&PD); 16 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 16 May (1st summer), Fulton (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 11 May (ad.), ne. Pike Co (EWW); 10 May (ad.), Keyesport (Clinton Co) (TAM); 9 May, HL (KAM).

BLACK-TAILED GULL

[EA: 22 Mar (1st or 2nd year - photographed), American Btms. **LD**: 1 May (ad.), Winthrop H**]**.

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 2 Mar (36), se. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 14,000, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 1608, Chau, 7 Mar (RG&SNB); 1150, Baldwin L, 18 Mar (TJD); 630, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 19 Apr (DFS); 579, JP, 31 Mar (PRC); 495, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW).

Herring Gull

EA: 1 Mar (3), Urb. (GSL). **MC**: 3250, Lake Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 80, Carl. C, 1 Mar (DMK); 11, Chau, 1 Mar (RG&SNB); 11, nw. Henry Co, 16 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 17 May (2 ad.), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 13 May (25), Montrose H (GAW); 10 May (1st year), Carl.C (TAM); 9 May (2), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 17 Feb (1st year), JP (PRC); 6 & 16 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 10 Mar (1 ad., 1 juv.), L&D#21 (Adams Co) (AGD); 15 Mar (1st year), Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 5 (4 ad., 1 1st year), N Pt Marina, 29 Mar (RDH); 5 (ad.), N Pt Marina, 7 May (EWW); 3 (ad.), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 29 Mar (RDH). **LD**: **28 May** (ad.), N Pt Marina (EWW) - **record late date** by four days; 10 May (1st year), Wauk. (RDH); 10 May (4 ad., 1 1st year), N Pt Marina (RDH); 20 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW).

Iceland Gull

LD: 29 Mar (ad.), N Pt Marina (RDH); 15 Mar (ad.), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (GAW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 24 Feb (ad.), L Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos) (EWW); 9 Mar (ad.), L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 12 Mar (ad.), Miss. R (Mercer Co) (WAB). **MC**: **9** (8 ad.), N Pt Marina, 29 Mar (EWW); 4, N Pt Marina, 29 Mar (RDH); 3 (ad.), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 29 Mar (RDH) & 6 April (SSph). **LD**: **28 May** (3rd summer), N Pt Marina (EWW); 10 May (1 1st year, 1 2nd year), N Pt Marina (RDH); 8 May, Montrose H (DRD); 6 May (4th year), Montrose H (GAW); 24 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **Others**: 1-19 Mar (3rd year), Carl.C (DMK); 1 & 24 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (DMK); 8-16 Mar (1st year), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (ad.), Butterworth P, East Moline (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 5 May (ad.), Montrose H (GAW, SSph).

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

LD: 8 Sep 2007-12 Apr (ad.), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, WMR, m.ob.).

Glaucous Gull

LD: 5-8 May (2nd summer), N Pt Marina (EWW); 1 May (2nd summer), Wauk. (EWW); 29 Mar (ad.), N Pt Marina (RDH); 29 Mar (2nd year), N Pt Marina (EWW); 22 Mar (2nd year), Putnam Co (DFS); 9 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW).

Great Black-backed Gull

LD: 13-17 May (1st year), Wauk. (EWW, DTW).

Least Tern

EA: 16 May (4), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH); 24 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 26 May (2), Mermet L (EWW). **MC**: 16, Urbandale (Alexander Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 16 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (MSS, DMK, IOS); 30 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS); 28 May (2), AMAX Wabash Mine (CLH, RES).

Caspian Tern

EA: **25-26 Mar**, Wolf L, LCal (CAM, WJM) - **record early IL arrival date** by one day; **26 Mar** (2), JP (PRC); **30 Mar**, Carl.C (DMK, MSS) - **record early away from Chi**; 13 Apr, Como (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 21 Apr, Montrose (SSph) 3 May, L Charleston (Coles Co) (EWW, WSS); 14 May, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: **848**, Northwestern University, Evanston (Cook Co), 10 May (JIE) - **record IL high count**; **593**, GrtLakes, 12 May (DRD) - third highest IL count; 279, Montrose H, 3 May (GAW); 225+, Winthrop H, 5 May (EWW); 22, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM); 5, Chau, 16 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 11 Jun (5), Winthrop H (EWW); 1-6 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (2), Grant P (DFS); 31 May (2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 May, Santa Fe Btms (MSS); 30 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (EWW). **Remarks**: Very good numbers along the Chi lakefront this spring (GAW).

Black Tern

EA: 10 May (4), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW); 10 May, Indian Ridge Marsh South, LCal (WJM, MLB); 10 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM). **MC**: 51, Upper Spring L (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 26, Sgmn Co, 1 Jun (HDB); 23, Redwing Slough SNA (Lake Co), 21 May (DRD); 13, HL, 10 May (FRH); 13, Sauer Pr, 17 May (DJS); 12, Carl.C, 11 May (DMK); 8, Chau, 16 May (RG&SNB); 7, Harrison (Wbgo Co), 23 May (DTW). **LD**: 18 Jun, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 3 Jun (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Jun (3), Champaign (Champaign Co) (GSL); 26 May, Rattlesnake Hill (Alexander Co) (EWW); 26 May, Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 23 May (4), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Others**: 15 May (2), Sauer Pr (SAC); 18 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (JWL, WJM).

Common Tern

EA: 23 Apr, Pontoon Beach (Madison Co) (TJD); 3 May, Jackson Co (LW); 7 May (10+), Winthrop H (EWW); 9 May, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 10 May (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 10 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 11 May (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 50, Carl.C, 10 May (TAM, KAM, DMK, MSS, RSH); 45, L Decatur dredge ponds, 22 May (TAM). **LD**: 2 & 4 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 May (2), JP (PRC); 23 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 21 May (2), HL (KAM); 19 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 16 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB).

Forster's Tern

EA: 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Apr (18), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 17 Apr, LCal (WJM); 19 Apr (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 3 May, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DTW); 10 May (22), JP (PRC, OSM). **MC**: 47, Hennepin L, 10 May (DFS); 30+, Winthrop H, 5 May (EWW); 30+, East Fork L (Richland Co), 8 May (CLH); 30, Carl.C, 4 & 11 May (DMK, MSS); 26, Chau, 16 May (RG&SNB); 21, McGinnis Slough (Cook Co), 11 May (WSS); 17, I&M Canal (La Salle Co), 16 May (DJS); 8, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD). **LD**: 3-20 Jun (imm.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 3-4 Jun (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 May, LCal (WJM); 24 May, Urbandale (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 21 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM); 19 May, Carl.C/F (KAM); 17 May, JP (OSM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 555, n. Cook Co, 1 Mar (DFS); 400, EStL, 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 22, JP, 9 Mar & 30 May (PRC).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

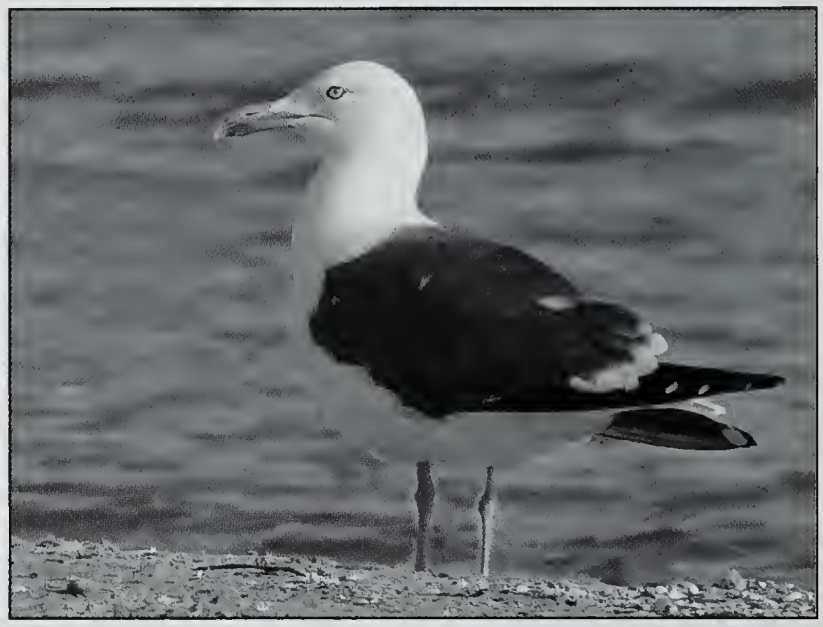
MC: **182**, Madison Co, 10 May (FRH); 10, Alma (Marion Co), 29 Mar (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Mar-end of season (calling male), Decatur (TAM); 1 Mar, Grand Ridge (La Salle Co) (EWW); 6 Mar, LCal (WJM); 4 Apr, Effingham (Effingham Co) (DMK, MSS, KAM); 28 Apr (pair), Kise Crossing (Monroe Co) (EWW); 28 Apr (pair), Sandoval (Marion Co) (EWW); 21 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 21 May, Stark Co (KAM).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

[EA: 12 Apr (photographed at feeder), Urb.**]**.

Mourning Dove

MC: 40, Carl.C, multiple dates in Mar (DMK, MSS); 36, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 7, JP, 18 Apr (PRC).



Lesser Black-backed Gull at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Lake County. 6 April 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Monk Parakeet

MC: 59, Burnham (Cook Co), 13 Mar (WJM); 43, Calumet Park, Chi, 4 Mar (CAM); 29, Greenwood Cemetery, Chi, 4 Mar (SF, WJM); 24, JP, 24 Feb (PRC); 5, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 3 May (GAW). **Other**: 31 May (4 at nest), Antioch (McHenry Co) (EWW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: **26 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS, IOS); 10 May, Clinton Co (DMK); 15 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, Adams Co (AGD); 18 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 25 May, JP (CBA, PRC); 26 May, Rockfd (DTW); 26 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 26 May, s. of Charleston (Coles Co) (RDF). **MC**: 6, Fults Hill Pr NPsv (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Carl. C, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 25 May (DFS); 2, Little Black Slough NPsv, Upper Cache, 24 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (GS); 7 Jun, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 4 Jun, JP (PRC). **Other**: 31 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **Remarks**: Very scarce!! (CLH).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 6 May, Jasper Co (CLH, RES); 14 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, JP (OSM); 18 May, Mermet L (CLH); 20 May, Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co) (TDF), 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 22 May, Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co) (DRD et al.); 23 May, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (DM); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Bloomington (NC *fide* MEF). **MC**: 3, Salt Crk Wds, 18 May (DFS); 2, Carl.C, 26 May (DMK: ph, MSS).

Barn Owl

MC: 2 (1 injured), Edwards Co, 20 Apr (RES:ph, CLH). **Others**: 2 Mar (male), Carl.F (DMK); 16 Mar (feather), Carl.C (DMK); 20-26 Apr (remained after injured bird was taken to rehabilitator), Edwards Co (RES: ph); 10 May (male), Clinton Co (MSS, TAM, DMK).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 3, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK). **Others**: 31 Mar (pair in copula), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Apr (red morph), Chau (LLH).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 4, Putnam Co, 10 May (DFS); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 23 May (DFS).

Barred Owl

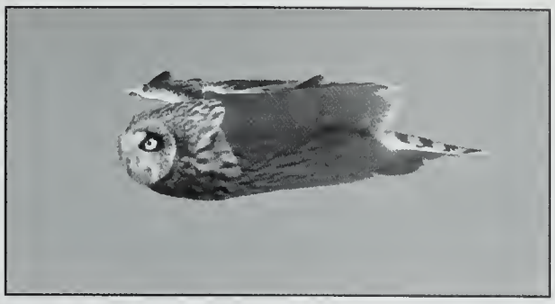
MC: 17, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 10 May (DFS); 8, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 3 (2 winter residents, 1 migrant), Urb., 1 Mar (GSL). **LD**: 17 Apr Montrose H. (NLph); 8-20 Mar, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 16 Mar (2), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 16 Mar, Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 14 Mar (4), Goose L Pr (EWW); 1-9 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); winter-2 Mar (4-5), Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co) (CLH, RES); 1 Mar, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 9, PrRdg, 11 Mar (RES). **LD**: 16 Apr, GrtLakes (DRD); 12 Apr, PrRdg (RES); 11 Apr, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co) (JSA, DA); 9 Apr, JP (PRC). **Other**: 16 Mar, Fairmount Quarry (Vermilion Co) (SR).



Short-eared Owl at Montrose, Cook County. 28 April. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: **4** (2 wintered at location), Moultrie Co, 21 Mar (TAM); 2 (1 winter resident, 1 migrant), Urb., 1 Mar (GSL). **LD**: 30 Mar, Chi (GN:ph); winter-11 Mar, Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co) (CLH).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 27 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 28 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 5 May, Afton FP (DJS); 8 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 May, Palos (WSS); 9 May, Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 10 May, Bureau Co (DFS); 16 May, Oak Park (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 May (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH) - this species was late arriving and in very low numbers (LLH). **MC**: **103**, Hyde Park, Chi, 26 May (GD, SAD); 8, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 5, Coal City (Will Co), 24 May (DFS). **LD**: 30 May (southbound), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 22 & 25 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM, MSS et al.). **MC**: 6, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 10 May (LW); 4, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 23 Apr (CLH, RES). **Others**: 10 May, se. of Sparta (Randolph Co) (TJD); 17 May (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD).

Whip-poor-will

EA: 6 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 18 Apr, Washington Co CA (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Apr, I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 Apr (2), Woodford Co (JM *fide* MEF); 21 Apr, Urb. (PL); 26 Apr, JP (NB); 7 May, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 11, Putnam Co, 10 May (DFS); 6, Siloam Springs (Adams Co), 10 May (AGD); 6, Giant City SP (Jackson Co), 10 May (LW); 4, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK). **Others**: 19 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 9 May (2), Keithburg (Mercer Co) (EWW); 10 May, White Co (RES, WAS); 16 May, Edwards Co (RES).

Chimney Swift

EA: 31 Mar (2), Pulaski Co (KAM); 6 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 24 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC**: 195, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 107, JP, 10 May (PRC, OSM); 100+, HL, 9 May (KAM); 79, River Forest & Oak Park (Cook Co), 6 May (DFS); 40, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: **8 Apr** (male), New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 19 Apr, Adams Co (AGD); 21 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 27 Apr (female), JP (SF); 2 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 12, New Columbia (Massac Co), 25 Apr (FKB); 12, Carl.C, 18 May (DMK, MSS); 4, JP, 25 May (CBA, PRC). **LD**: 25 May (4), JP, as above.

Rufous Hummingbird

EA: 18-20 Apr (ad. male at feeder), w. of Liberty (Adams Co) (G&JS:ph, *AGD).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 2 Mar, se. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 19 Mar, JP (PJP, JSR); 24 Mar (2), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 4, Mermet L, 13 Apr (KAM); 3, JP, 9 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 1 Jun, JP (PRC).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 16 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 14, Massac Co, 1 Mar (KAM); 9, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 8, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 6, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 5, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 4 Jun, JP (OSM); 30 May, Grant P (DFS).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 18 May, JP (PRC, JSM). **MC**: 27, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 16, Carl. C, 20 Apr (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 29 May, JP (JBH).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 24 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 Apr (3), JP (KMC); 5 Apr (2), Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: **42**, JP, 9 Apr (PRC) - second highest spring count (PRC); 20, Busey Wds, 13 Apr (EJC); 16, Linc.P, 9 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 21 May (female), Grant P (DFS); 10 May, White Co (RES); 27 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **Remarks**: "Poor spring with no March records" (DFS).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 27, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 5 Apr (WJM); 8, Carl.C, 20 Apr & 4 May (DMK, MSS); 5, JP, 10 May (PRC, OSM).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 4, Ft Massac, 31 Mar & 5 May (KAM). **Other**: 20 Mar-end of season (nesting pair), JP (PRC, m.ob.).

Northern Flicker

EA: 26 Mar (3), JP (KMC, PRC). **MC**: **49**, Chief Shabbona FP (De Kalb Co), 13 Apr (DJS) - second highest spring count away from Cook Co; 31, JP, 16 Apr (PRC); 29, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 16 Apr (JSA); 16, Carl. C, 30 Mar (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 10 May, JP (OSM).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 4, Carl.C, 20 Apr (DMK, MSS); 4, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 3 (2 males), Shady Beach (Henry Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 3, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 3, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co), 14 Apr (AGD); 3, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS). **Others**: 22 Apr, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 May, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (EWW); 6 May (found dead), La Grange Park (**Cook Co**) (JF *fide* DFS) - specimen to Field Museum of Natural History, Chi.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 10 May, JP (PKD); 10 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 10 May, s. Clinton Co (KAM, RSH); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 17 May, Pelican Pouch (Clinton Co) (RSH); 17 May, Jackson Co (CLH). **MC**: 3, La Grange and Spunky Btms (Brown Co), 24 May (EWW); 3, JP, 26 May (PRC); 3, L Bloomington, 1 Jun (MEF); 2, Somme Pr Grove, Northbrook (Cook Co), 22 May (DFS). **LD**: 4-5 Jun, JP (PRC, KMC); 1 Jun, Ryerson Wds FP (Lake Co) (DFS); 30 May, Afton FP (DTW); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Rockfd (DTW); 24 May, Red Oak NC (Kane Co) (DJS); 20 May, HL (FRH); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 23 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 3 May, Red Oak NC (Kane Co) (DJS); 3 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 7 May, Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 26, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 25, Grant P, 30 May (DFS); 13, JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: **29 Jun** (2), JP (PRC); 10 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 6 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 15 May, Adams Co (AGD); 17 May, Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 18 May, Urb. (EJC); 18 May, Mermet L (CLH); 25 May, JP (PRC). **MC**: 11, Grant P, 30 May (DFS); 9, Busey Wds/Crystal L P, Urb., 26 May (GSL); 5, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW); 4, Ridgetop Hill Pr NPsv (Woodford Co), 27 May (MEF); 3, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 19 May (KAM). **LD**: 6 Jun, JP (KMC); 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 5 Jun, Rockfd (BCW); 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 31 May, Fults Hill Pr NPsv (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 23 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 27 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 2 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 10 May (2), Pecatonica (DTW); 17 May, JP (JIE, NLB, JDW). **MC**: 12, Little Black Slough NPsv, Upper Cache, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 12, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 3, Miller-Anderson Wds NPsv (Bureau/Putnam Cos), 10 May (DFS); 3 (males), Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 3, Rockfd, 18 May (DTW); 3, Busey Wds/Crystal L P, Urb., 26 May (GSL). **LD**: 31 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 31 May, Grant P (DFS); 30 May (male), JP (PRC); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW). **Others**: 21 May (2), Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 21 May, Siloam Springs (KAM); 22 May, Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (SAC).

"Traill's Flycatcher"

EA: 10 May, JP (OSM). **MC**: 23, Grant P, 30 May (DFS); 10, Letcher Basin NPsv (Woodford Co), 27 May (MEF). **LD**: 10 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: **6 May**, Urb. (EJC); 16 May, Carl.C (KAM); 20 May (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (2), JP (PRC); 28 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 10, Carl.C, 19 May (KAM); 6, EStL, 25 May (DMK, MSS); 6, Massac Co, 21 May (SDB); 5, Grant P, 30 May (DFS); 4, Crawford & Lawrence Cos, 24 May (CLH);

3, HL, 25 May (EWW). **LD**: 18 Jun, Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co) (EWW); 13 Jun, Montrose H (GS); 4 & 8 Jun, Rock Cut (DTW, EWW); 7 Jun, Campton FP (Kane Co) (ABH); 2 Jun (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 13 May, Urb. (EJC); 20 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 26 May (3 males), JP (PRC). **MC**: 19 (all singing), LCal, 25 May (WJM); 9, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW); 7, Letcher Basin NPsv (Woodford Co), 27 May (MEF); 5, Rockfd, 26 May (DTW); 4, Afton FP, 30 May (DTW); 3, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM). **LD**: 13 Jun, Montrose H (GS); 4 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 11, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 13 May (DFS); 10, Oakdale NPsv (Stephenson Co), 18 May (EWW); 6, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 4, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM). **LD**: 1 Jun, L Bloomington (MEF); 30 May, Grant P (DFS); 26 May (2), Urb. (GSL); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 12 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 16 Mar, Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (DFS); 16 Mar, Peabody River King SFWA (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 15, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 14, Cook Co, 5 Apr (WSS); 12, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 12, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 8, JP, 31 Mar & 13 Apr (PRC); 8, Boone Co, 2 Apr (AEB, MAR). **LD**: 10 May (2), JP (PKD).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 13 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 26 Apr (3), JP (CBA); 27 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 3 May, Glenwood P (Kane Co) (DJS). **MC**: 15, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 14, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 12, Mackinaw Bluffs, 26 May (MEF); 8, Palos, 24 May (WJM, SF). **LD**: 18 Jun (2), JP (PRC); 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 6 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER

[EA: 4 May (photographed), Carl.C**]**.

Western Kingbird

EA: 6 May, Madison Co (FRH); 9-10 May (2), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 12 May, HL (EWW:ph); 21-25 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS). **MC**: 2, Granite City (Madison Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS). **LD**: 14 May, Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 7 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR) - **record early for n. IL** and ties for **second earliest arrival statewide**; **11 Apr**, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); **12 Apr** (3), Sgmn Co (HDB) - **record early for c. IL**; **12 Apr**, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 15 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 18 Apr, Palos (WSS, SF); 24 Apr, JP (PRC); 2 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **65**, HL, 10 May (FRH); 38, Southern IL Airport (Jackson Co), 10 May (LW); 18, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 16, JP, 26 May (PRC); 15, Thebes (Alexander Co), 23 May (SDB).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: **27 Mar** (ad. male), near Murphysboro (Jackson Co) (DEM:ph) - **record early IL arrival**; 26 Apr, South Unit, IBSP (JRS). No other reports.

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 22 Mar, Hennepin L (DFS); 12 Apr, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DRD); 20 Apr, Farwell Bridge Rd (Stephenson Co) (DTW). **MC**: 4, Massac Co, 12 Mar (KAM); 3, Marion Co, 22 Apr (RES); 3, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM). **Others**: 1 Mar, Wringe Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 8 Mar, Knolhoff Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 9 Mar, PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 21 Mar, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (DMK); 29 Mar & 3 & 17 May, Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS, KAM); 22 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 27 Apr & 26 May, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co) (DMK).

Northern Shrike

MC: 3, Pecatonica, 9 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 29 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 29 Mar, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 29 Mar (imm.), IBSP (EWW); 27 Mar, Ned Brown ("Busse Wds") FP (Cook Co) (SAC); 22 Mar, Bureau Co (DFS); 20 Mar, Buffalo Trace Pr, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (CKA); winter-16 Mar, Rock Cut (JLA, DTW); 14 Mar, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (EWW); 2 Mar (overwintering ad. male), JP (KMC); 2 Mar, Barrington (Cook Co) (DTW); 1 Mar, Goose L Pr (EWW); 1 Mar, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal (WJM).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: **20 Mar**, Carl.C (Illinois Natural History Survey *fide* DMK) - **record early by seven days**; **31 Mar**, Mermet L (KAM); 16 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 20 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 20 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 3 May, JP (OSM); 14 May-end of season (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 22, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 12, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 9, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 5, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 25 Apr (AGD). **LD**: 29 May, JP (JBH). **Other**: 14 May, Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, Schaumburg (Cook Co) (SAC); 17 May (male), Rice (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW).

Bell's Vireo

EA: 4 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May (2), Johnson Co (KAM); 5 May (3), Pulaski Co (KAM); 10 May, Hegewisch Marsh, LCal (WJM); 10 May, Midewin Pr (CMA); 11 May, Spunky Btms (Brown Co) (EWW); 16 May, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May, Aiken (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW). **MC**: 8, Hurricane Crk (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS). **Others**: 20 May, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 May, Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co) (DMK, MSS); 31 May, Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: **22-24 Mar**, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); **25 Mar**, Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (AGD) - **both record early arrivals** (previously 28 Mar for c. and s. IL); 19 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 20 Apr (5), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 30 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 12, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 8, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 May (EWW); 4, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 26 May, JP (CBA).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 19 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (IOS); 23 Apr, JP (PJP); 24 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 4 May (3), Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 6, Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co), 9 May (SF). **LD**: 26 May, Urb. (GSL); 26 May, JP (CBA); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 18 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Warbling Vireo

EA: 15 Apr (3), Massac Co (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr (3), JP (PRC et al.); 27 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 27, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 22, LCal, 10 May (WJM); 20, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 13, JP, 25 May (PRC).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: **27 Apr**, JP (JRS et al.) - **record early for n. IL**; 2 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 12 May (2), s. Clinton Co (KAM); 19 May, Chi (GAW); 22 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 8, Urb., 26 May (GSL); 3, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM); 3, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 2, L Pittsfield (Pike Co), 24 May (EWW). **LD**: **2 Jun**, Sgmn Co (HDB); **31 May**, EStL (DMK, MSS, IOS); 29 May, JP (RLS); 19 May (2), Carl.C (KAM).

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 27 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK); 3 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM); 17 May, JP (OSM). **MC**: 45, Busey Wds, 26 May (GSL); 30, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 16, JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: 11 Jun (4 males), JP (PRC).

Blue Jay

EA: 23 Apr, JP (NLB, JCA). **MC**: 130, Montrose H, 3 May (GAW); 63, JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA); 40, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS).

American Crow

MC: 105, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 1 Mar (DJS); 62, JP, 23 Feb (PRC); 40, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS).

Fish Crow

EA: 12 Mar (5), Mermet L (KAM); 20 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 22 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 23, Massac Co, 31 Mar (KAM); 16, Little Black Slough NPsv, Upper Cache, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 12, Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co), 31 Mar (KAM); 8, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS); 7, Murphysboro (Jackson Co), 13 Mar (LW); 7, HLCA, 6 Apr (KAM). **Others**: 25 May, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 31 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (DMK, MSS, IOS). **[extralimital**: 12 May (2 - documented), **Montrose H**].

Horned Lark

EA: 2 Mar (4), JP (KMC, OSM); 5 Mar, Grant P (DFS). **MC**: 60, Carl.C, 8 Mar & 5 Apr (DMK, MSS).

Purple Martin

EA: **1 Mar** (male), America (Pulaski Co) (FKB); 15 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 2 Apr (4), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 17 Apr (3), JP (JSM, PRC). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 40, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 40, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 38, Durand (Wbgo Co), 10 May (DTW); 33, JP, 26 May (PRC); 26+, Pike Co, 21 May (KAM).

Tree Swallow

EA: 1 Mar, Carl.C (CPA); 1 Mar (3), Mermet L (KAM); **2 Mar**, Heron P (Vermilion Co) (JOS) - ties previous early date for c. IL; 15 Mar (35),

Goose L Pr (CMA); 20 Mar, Fulton Co (LLH); 9 Apr (10), JP (PRC); 11 Apr (28+), Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: 314, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 200 (roost), Big Marsh, LCal, 14 Apr (WJM); 185, Grundy Co, 23 Mar (DFS).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 22 Mar (2), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 24 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Mar, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Apr, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co) (JSA); 15 Apr (10), JP (CBA, SF); 26 Apr (4), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: **282**, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 50+, Montrose H, 20 May (KAM); 34, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 30, JP, 10 May (PKD, PRC).

Bank Swallow

EA: 13 Apr, L&D#14 (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 13 Apr (4), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 19 Apr (8), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 26 Apr (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, JP (OSM). **MC**: 400+, HL, 2 May (KAM); 326, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 200, Carl.C, 11 May (DMK); 106, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 100+, Quincy (Adams Co), 19 May (AGD); 38, JP, 21 May (PRC).

Cliff Swallow

EA: **25 Mar**, Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 6 Apr (5), Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 Apr, L Lou Yaeger (Montgomery Co) (EWW); 23 Apr, JP (NLB, JCA). **MC**: 400, Carl.C, 11 May (DMK); 225, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 200, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 May (TJD); 86, White Co, 10 May (RES, WAS); 39, JP, 26 May (PRC); 18, Harrison (Wbgo Co), 18 May (DTW).

Barn Swallow

EA: **15 Mar**, Carl.C (DMK); 20 Mar, Mermet L (FKB); 2 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Apr, JP (PRC); 13 Apr (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 Apr, Cuba (Fulton Co) (LLH); 26 Apr (6), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 406, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 400, Carl.C, 11 May (DMK); 85, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 52, JP, 25 May (PRC).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 12, Carl.C, 2 & 9 Mar & 3 May (DMK, MSS).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 32, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 31, nw. Cook Co, 10 May (GAW); 8, JP, 10 May (PRC, OSM).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 21, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 16, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS). **Other**: 20 Apr (at feeder), Marengo (McHenry Co) (RMB).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 5 Apr, Paris (Edgar Co) (EWW); 17 Apr, JP (JMS, PRC); 23 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD). **MC**: 8, JP, 8 & 10 May (OSM, PRC); 5, Linc.P, 7 May (GAW); 4, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr & 16 May (JBH); 3, Woodstock (McHenry Co), 22 Apr (RMB); 3, La Grange Highlands (Cook Co), 30 Apr (RCR, NPB); 2, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 9 May (DJS). **LD**: 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Thomas Jefferson Wds (Cook Co) (JSA); 23 May, Grant P (DFS); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 21 May, Linc.P (GAW); 18 May, Rockfd (DTW); 10 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (TAM); 10 May, Clinton Co (DMK).

White-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 2 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 16, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 29 May, JP (JBH). **Other**: 18 Apr, Grant P (DFS) - very rare in Grant P (DFS).

Brown Creeper

EA: 24 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 26 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 6 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 17, Palos, 14 Apr (WSS); 15, Busey Wds, 13 Apr (EJC); 11, JP, 9 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 15 May, Grant P (DFS); 6 May, JP (OSM); 4 May (2), Linc.P (GAW); 2 May, Champaign (Champaign Co) (WSS); 13 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Carolina Wren

EA: 24 Mar (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 18 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC**: 27, Ft Massac, 12 Mar (KAM); 17, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, Fults Hill Pr NPsv (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 5, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 3, Palos, 10 May (WSS).

BEWICK'S WREN

[EA: 18 Apr, L Bracken (Knox Co); 20 Apr, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co). **LD**: 18 & 21 May (historical breeding location), Siloam Springs (Adams Co); 10 May, Brown Co; 7 May, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co)**]**.

House Wren

EA: 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 17 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Apr (2), JP (CBA, PRC); 19 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 20 Apr, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: **80**, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 22, Carl.C/F, 19 May (KAM); 18, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 7, JP, 10 May (PRC et al.).

Winter Wren

EA: 12 Mar (4), Ft Massac (KAM); 6 Apr, L Iroquois (Iroquois Co) (EWW); 6 Apr (2), Perdueville (Ford Co) (EWW); 6 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 Apr, JP (PRC); 13 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 7, LeVasseur P, 8 Apr (JBH); 4, Salt Crk Wds, 13 Apr (DFS); 3, Busey Wds, 13 Apr (EJC). **LD**: **23 May**, Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD) - ties previous record late date for non-territorial birds; 5 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 2 May, JP (KMC); 29 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS). **Other**: 13 Mar, Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co) (SF).

Sedge Wren

EA: 24 Apr, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (DJM); 27 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 May, Busey Wds (GSL). **MC**: 15, nw. Cook Co, 10 May (GAW); 4, IBSP, North Unit, 17 May (DTW); 4, Goose L Pr, 24 May (DFS). **Others**: 13 May (2), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 28 May (2), Rockfd (DTW).

Marsh Wren

EA: 4 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 22 Apr-17 May, Mermet L (KAM, TAM, CLH, m.ob.); 26 Apr, JP (OSM); 27 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 May, Linc.P (GAW); 7 May, PrRdg (CLH). **MC**: 8, Spring Bluff NPsv (Lake Co), 30 May (EWW); 7, nw. Cook Co, 10 May (GAW); 4, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 4, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 3, Wolf L, LCal, 28 Apr (CAM). **LD**: 26 May, JP (PRC); 20 May, Montrose H (KAM); 20 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 22 Mar (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 22 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 23 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 31 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 3 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 61, Salt Crk Wds, 13 Apr (DFS); 50+, Palos, 8 Apr (WSS); 12, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 12, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 4 Apr (MEF); 10, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 10, Linc.P, 9 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 23 Apr, JP (PRC); 20 Apr (4), Busey Wds (EJC); 17 Apr (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM); 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **Remarks**: Poor migration at Linc.P (GAW).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 24 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 Apr (4), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 3 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 Apr (2), JP (KMC), 13 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 47, Salt Crk Wds, 13 Apr (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 27 Apr (DMK); 26, Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co), 1 May (DRD); 22, JP, 17 Apr (PRC); 20, Busey Wds, 20 Apr (EJC); 18, Montrose H, 6 May (GAW). **LD**: **29 May**, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (LBH, RCF, DM et al.); 25 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (DFS); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 21 May (2), JP (PRC); 18 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 18 May (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 31 Mar (5), Massac Co (KAM); 6 Apr, Crooked Crk (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 7 Apr, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (DFS); 7 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 11 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (EJC); 16 Apr (3), JP (PRC, SF); 17 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 40, Carl.C, 19 & 27 Apr (DMK, MSS); 24, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 22, Chi, 26 Apr (WSS); 20, Busey Wds, 20 Apr (EJC); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 19 Apr (JSA). **LD**: **4 Jun**, JP (PRC); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 8 Mar (2), Rockfd (DTW); 26 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC**: 8, Carl.C, 16 Mar & 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, JP, 2 Apr & 25 May (PRC). **LD**: 25 May (3), JP, as above.

Veery

EA: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, JP (PKD); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Apr, JP (PKD); 3 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 6 May (4), Montrose H (GAW); 10 May, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 8, Grant P, 7 May (DFS); 3, JP, 17-18 May (PRC, KMC). **LD**: 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 25 May, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Wds (Cook Co) (JSA); 19 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: **11 Apr**, Sgmn Co (HDB) - **record early arrival by five days**; 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 27 Apr, JP (PRC, KMC); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 7 May, Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 6, Grant P, 7 May (DFS); 5, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 19 May (KAM); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 May (EWW, WSS); 4, Carl.C, 18 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 23 May, Pomona (SDB); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: **12 Apr**, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 22 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 24 Apr (2), Kaskaskia R (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Montrose H (CMA). **MC**: 40, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 13, Siloam Springs (Adams/Brown Co), 11 May (EWW); 13, Somme Pr Grove, Northbrook (Cook Co), 22 May (DFS); 12, Champaign (Champaign

Co), 1 May (EWW, WSS); 10, JP, 26 May (PRC). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 1 Jun, Urb. (GSL); 28 May, Kankakee (JBH); 23 May, Rockfd (DTW); 21 May (nocturnal migrant), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 24 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 6 Apr (6), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 28, JP, 17 Apr (PRC); 22, Salt Crk Wds, 13 Apr (DFS); 18, Rockfd, 13 Apr (DTW); 13, Ewing P, Bloomington, 8 Apr (MJW); 13, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 15 Apr (WJM); 12, Busey Wds, 13 Apr (EJC). **LD**: 10 May (2), JP (PKD); 6 May, Montrose H (GAW); 5 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 20 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Wood Thrush

EA: 13 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 22 Apr, Bloomington (MEF); 26 Apr, Montrose H (CMA); 2 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 20, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 13, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 8, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 May (EWW, WSS). **LD**: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 25 May, JP (GD).

American Robin

EA: 2 Mar (3), JP (KMC); 2 Mar (7), McDonough Co (LLH); 3 Mar (100+), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 773, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 400, Carl.C, 15 & 20 Mar (DMK, MSS); 200, JP, 1 Apr (PRC).

Varied Thrush

EA: 4-6 Mar, Winnetka (Cook Co) (*fide* Chicago Rare Bird Alert).

Gray Catbird

EA: 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 22 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 23 Apr, JP (CBA); 25 Apr (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Urb. (EJC); 27 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 72, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); **60**, Carl. C, 3 May (DMK, MSS) - **record high count for s. IL**; 26, LCal, 18 May (WJM); 23, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH); 23, JP, 10 May (PRC, OSM). **LD**: **13 Jun**, Grant P (DFS).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: **15 Mar**, Decatur (TAM); 19 Apr, JP (CBA); 22 Apr, Adams Co (AGD). **MC**: 9, White Co, 10 May (RES, WAS); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 18 May, Montrose H (GAW); 23 Apr, JP (AT). **Others**: 1 Mar, Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW); 18 Apr, Urb. (EJC); 19 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 3 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM); 10 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW); 18 May, Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 21 May, Stark Co (KAM).

Brown Thrasher

EA: **1 Mar**, Carl.C (DMK); **5 Mar**, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Mar (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 15 Mar, Baldwin L (TJD); 23 Mar, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 6 Apr (2), JP (PRC, KMC); 19 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 40, Carl.C, 20 Apr (DMK, MSS); 18, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 12, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 8, JP, 20 & 27 Apr (CBA, PRC). **Remarks**: The boldfaced dates, if involving true migrants, may be record early arrivals for their respective regions of the state.

European Starling

EA: 20 Mar (21 migrants), JP (PRC). **MC**: 4000, Carl.C, 8 & 15 Mar (DMK); 406, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 3 May (GAW); 373, Putnam Co, 22 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 6 Apr (5 migrants), JP (PRC).

American Pipit (1st passage)

EA: 2 Mar (8), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 4 Mar (3), Peabody River King SFWA (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 12 Mar (7), Massac Co (KAM). **MC**: 120, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 110, Peabody River King SFWA (St. Clair Co), 29 Mar (TJD); 60, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 22, The Glades State Fish & Waterfowl Manageme (Jersey Co), 23 Mar (EWW).

American Pipit (2nd passage)

EA: 23 Apr (26), HL (FRH); 2 May (4), Montrose H (EWW); 6 May, JP (SF). **MC**: **600**, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS) - **record high count for 2nd passage**; 164, Afton FP, 9 May (EWW); 61, Montrose H, 13 May (GAW); 52, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 24, Harrison (Wbgo Co), 18 May (DTW). **LD**: 25 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May (2), Wbgo Co (KAM); 11 May, Carl.C (DMK); 10 May (14), Timewell (Brown Co) (EWW); 10 May (5), Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (DLT).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT

[MC: 3 (documented), Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 21 Mar; 2 (documented), Posey (Clinton Co), 20 Apr**]**.

Cedar Waxwing

EA (but see Remarks below): 6 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (7), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 25 Apr (4), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 28 Apr (26), Orland Park (Cook Co) (WSS); 6 May (7), JP (SF); 9 May (3), Afton FP (EWW). **MC**: 370, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 27 May (DFS); 136, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW); 120, EStL, 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 76, LeVasseur P, 22 May (JBH); 70, JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: **22 Jun** (16), JP (PRC). **Remarks**: Little evidence for a split passage this season, although the earliest two dates above perhaps better fit the pattern of "first passage" departures than "second passage" arrival dates.

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 5, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 4, Bloomington, 25 Apr (LA *fide* MEF); 4, Ft Massac, 27 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 18 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 17 & 18 May, JP (OSM, PRC, CBA); 10 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 7 May, Granite City (Madison Co) (FRH, KAM). **Other** (**"Brewster's" Warbler** - Blue-winged Warbler x Golden-winged Warbler): 27 Apr, **Ft Massac** (KAM, MSS) - **only the second recent record for s. IL** (with one additional older record, 6 May 1953).

American Pipit at Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County. 6 May 2008. Photo by Frank Holmes.

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 23 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 26 & 27 Apr (male), Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co) (TAM, DTW, IOS); 5 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 May (female), Osprey L (Lake Co) (DRD); 6 May, JP (SF); 11 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 4, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 3, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 18 May (DFS); 2, Siloam Springs, 11 May (EWW). **LD**: 25 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 19 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM); 18 May (male), JP (PRC, JSM).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 22 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 2 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 40, Salt Crk Wds, 17 May (DFS); 35, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 15, Urb., 26 May (GSL); 10, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 6, JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: 7 Jun (male), Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 7 Jun, Palos (DFS); 3 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (2), Grant P (DFS); 31 May (male), Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 16 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (DLT); 16 Apr, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (DM *fide* LBH); 17 Apr, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD); 18 Apr (male), JP (CBA); 19 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 25 Apr, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Apr (2), Linc.P (CMA). **MC**: 6, Montrose H, 20 May (KAM); 3, Boone Co, 24 Apr (AEB, MAR); 3, JP, 8 May (OSM). **LD**: 30 May, Grant P (DFS); 25 May, Chi (GAW); 16 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 4 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 27 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 27 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 27 Apr (2), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW).

Nashville Warbler

EA: **13 Apr** (male), LeVasseur P (JBH) - **second earliest arrival for c. IL**; 22 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 22 Apr, Bloomington (LA *fide* MEF); 22 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 22 Apr (8), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 3 May (2), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC**: 55, River Forest (Cook Co), 6 May (DFS); 45, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC); 16, Carl.C, 3-4 May (DMK, MSS); 12, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 10, JP, 7 May (OSM). **LD**: **21 Jun** (male), Chi (CLM); 31 May (2), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 29 May, JP (KMC); 28 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 26 May (5), Urb. (GSL); 21 May, HL (FRH); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM).

Northern Parula

EA: **22-24 Mar**, Carl.C (KAM, DMK, MSS) - **second earliest arrival date**; 11 Apr, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 19 Apr (2), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 20 Apr, Hoover FP, Yorkville (Kendall Co) (DJS); 24 Apr (2), JP (KMC); 28 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 29 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 29, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 19, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 18, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 15, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC); 6, River Forest/Oak Park (Cook Co), 6 May (DFS). **LD**: **11 Jun** (male), JP (PRC) - **record late migrant date**; 4 Jun (female), JP (CBA, PRC); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (2), Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 22 Apr, JP (CBA); 23 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 23 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 Apr (4),

Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 24 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (CAM); 24 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL). **MC**: 73, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 66, LCal, 10 May (WJM); 44, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 15, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC); 15, JP, 10 May (PRC, OSM). **LD**: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: **25 Apr**, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 2 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 3 May, JP (*fide* KMC); 3 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 12, Salt Crk Wds, 16 May (DFS); 11, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM); 11, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 8, Urb., 26 May (GSL); 7, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 6, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM); 4, Rock Cut, 20 May (DTW). **LD**: 3 Jun, JP (KMC); 31 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 30 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 May, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (LBH, RCF, DM et al.); 26 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **Remarks**: An extremely weak passage (PRC).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: **25 Apr**, Pomona (KAM, MSS); **26 Apr**, Busey Wds (GSL); 1 May, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 3 May, HL (FRH); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 May, Montrose H (GAW); 6 May (7), JP (SF); 10 May (2), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: 34, Chi, 17 May (GAW); 15, Busey Wds/Crystal L P, Urb., 26 May (GSL); 13, Carl.C, 12 May (KAM); 8, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM); 6, Rockfd, 18 May (DTW). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (JSA); 28 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, Bloomington (LA *fide* MEF); 26 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM, MSS, IOS); 1 May, Urb. (EJC); 2 May, JP (OSM); 2 May (imm. female), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 5, Montrose H, 6 May (GAW); 5, JP, 18 May (PRC); 4, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK). **LD**: 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv, Palos (SF, WJM); 23 May, Montrose H (GAW); 19 May (4), Nachusa Grs (EWW); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Remarks**: Lowest maximum counts since spring of 1997.

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: **26 Apr** (male), JP (CMA) - **record early arrival for n. IL** by one day; **27 Apr** (male), Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co) (WJM); **27 Apr**, Heron Pond NPsv (**Johnson Co**) (DTW, REF, UWG, IOS); 5 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 10 May, Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 13 & 15 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD). **MC**: 2, Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co), 6 May (AGD); 2, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (DFS); 2, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 13 May (DFS); 2 (males), JP, 13 May (OSM); 2, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW). **LD**: 19 May, Chi (GAW); 18 May (female), JP (PRC, CBA); 12 May (male), Black Hawk F NPsv (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA (see also Others below): 31 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 5 Apr (10), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 6 Apr (2), Perdueville (Ford Co) (EWW); 9 Apr (5), Linc. P (GAW). **MC**: 120, Carl.C, 27 Apr & 3 May (DMK, MSS); 81, Salt Crk Wds, 13 Apr (DFS); 80, HL, 27 Apr (FRH); 65, HLCA, 18 Apr (KAM, MSS); 39, JP, 17 May (PRC, KMC). **LD**: **7 Jun**, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (RDH); 4 Jun (2), Montrose H (OHM); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 17 May (2 females), American Btms (C&PD). **Others** (locally overwintered?): 16 Feb, Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary, Randolph (McLean Co) (MJW); 5 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 6 Apr, HLCA (KAM); 16 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 26 Apr, JP (PKD); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD). **MC**: 15, Salt Crk Wds, 4 May (DFS); 12, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 12, Linc.P, 14 May (GAW). **LD**: 31 May (male), Nachusa Grs (ABH); 29 May (female), JP (JBH); 28 May (4), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 18 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr, Bloomington (LA *fide* MEF); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 2 May, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 10, w. Cook Co, 12 May (DFS); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 17 May (MJW); 5, Carl.C, 19 May (KAM). **LD**: 30 May (female), JP (RLS); 29 May (3), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 May (2), Urb. (GSL); 26 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 29-31 Mar, Mermet L (FKB, KAM); 11 Apr, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (DJM); 19 Apr, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (EBC); 19 Apr, Urb. (GSL). **MC**: 9, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 5, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB, IOS); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 May (EWW, WSS); 2, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 2, Rock Cut, 29 May (DTW). **Others**: 14 May, Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, Schaumburg (Cook Co) (SAC); 15 May, Rockfd (DTW); 24 May, I&M Canal (Grundy Co) (DFS); 30 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-throated Warbler at Illinois Beach State Park, Lake county. 28 April 2008. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Pine Warbler

EA: **4 Mar**, LeVasseur P (JBH) - **second earliest arrival for c. IL**; **8 Mar** (male at feeder), Urb. (EJC); 11 Mar, Sparta (Randolph Co) (TJD); 12 Mar, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); **15 Mar**, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA, DA); 29 Mar, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS); 17 Apr (3 males), JP (PRC, JSM); 19 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 22 Apr (2), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (JWL); 23 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: **15** (12 in a single flock), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 3 Apr (MJB, KBR) - **second highest IL count**; 7 (5 males), Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 5 Apr (EWW); 4, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 19 Apr (SDB, IOS); 3, Salt Crk Wds, 4 May (DFS). **LD**: 12 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 4 May, Linc.P (GAW); 26 Apr, JP (PKD). **Other**: 29 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH).

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER

EA: 21 May, Linc.P (TA:ph).

Prairie Warbler

EA: 13 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 18 Apr, Wabash Co (RES, CLH); 19 Apr (male), Crystal L P, Urb. (JDM); 27 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 30 Apr (2 females), Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co (C&PD). **MC**: 8, Heron Pond NPsv (Johnson Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 4 (3 males, 1 female), Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co, 10 May (C&PD). **LD**: 19 May (male), Nachusa Grs (EWW). **Others**: 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 May (2), Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv (DMK, MSS); 29-30 May (1 male, 1 female), Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co (C&PD); 30 May, Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS).

Palm Warbler

EA: 13 Apr (9), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 14 Apr, HL (FRH); 16 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW); 19 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 24 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: **250+**, Palos, 17 May (WSS); 100+, Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co), 9 May (SF); **70**, Carl.C, 27 Apr (DMK) - **second highest count for s. IL**. **LD**: **10 Jun**, Linc.P (LGM); 30 May, Grant P (DFS); 27 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 May, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Wds (Cook Co) (JSA); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: **25 Apr**, Vermilion Co (JOS) - ties with 2003 for **record early for c. IL** (see Remarks); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS, IOS); 12 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 13 May (2 males), JP (KMC, OSM); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 4, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 4, Grant P, 21 May (DFS); 3, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD**: 8 Jun (singing), Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (DFS); 29-30 May (female), JP (JBH, PRC); 26 May, Urb. (GSL); 25 May, EStL (DMK, MSS). **Remarks**: A previously published date of 3 Apr 1986 at Springfield (Sgmn Co) should read "30 Apr" (Rebecca A. Dyer, personal communication).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 27 Apr, HL (FRH); 7 May (2), JP (SF); 10 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 30, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 10 (8 males, 2 females), JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA); 6, Salt Crk Wds, 25 May (DFS); 5 (2 males), L Pittsfield (Pike Co), 24 May (EWW); 5 (males), HL, 25 May (EWW). **LD**: **11 Jun** (male), JP (PRC); 4 Jun, Rock Cut (DTW); 2 Jun (2), Grant P (DFS); 1 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Jun, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 31 May (2), EStL (DMK, MSS, IOS); 27 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (2), Urb. (GSL).

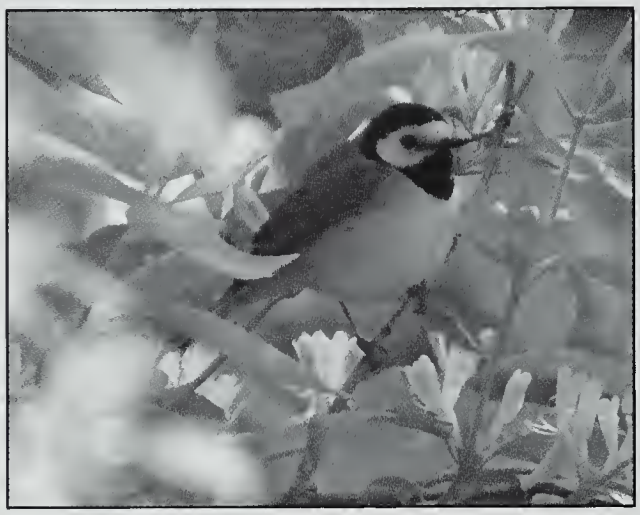
Cerulean Warbler

EA: 18 Apr (7), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 1 May-end of season, McClaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co) (SF, NLph); 1 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 5 May, Montrose H (GAW, NLph); 8 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 8+, Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co), 4 May (CLH); 8, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 7, Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co), 24 May (CLH, RES); 5, Rock Cut, 20 May (DTW); 4, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 4, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 2, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co), 25 Apr (CLH). **LD**: 26 May, Woodford Co (MEF). **Others**: 10 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (DJM); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 22 May, Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 30 May, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS).

Female Cerulean Warbler at Montrose, Cook County. 5 May 2008. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 4 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 6 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 10 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 13 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr (male), JP (KMC); 28 Apr, Wolf L, LCal (CAM); 1 May (2), Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 2 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 10, Elizabeth A. Conkey Forest FP (Cook Co), 9 May (SF); 8, Busey Wds, 5 May (EJC); 8, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 4, JP, 27 Apr & 6 May (PRC, OSM, SF); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 30 May (male), JP (PRC); 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 21 May (2), Linc.P (GAW); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).



Hooded Warbler in Madison County. 16 May 2008. Photo by Frank Holmes.

American Redstart

EA: 18 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK); 2 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 3 May (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 96, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 56, Chi, 17 May (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 25, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 17, Upper Spring L (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 15, Urb., 26 May (EJC). **LD**: 11 Jun (3 males), JP (PRC): 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH).

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: 6 Apr, HLCA (KAM); 17 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 19 Apr, Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 20 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL). **MC**: 30, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 27 Apr (DMK, MSS); 10, Little Black Slough NPsv, Upper Cache, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 9, Chau, 9 May (RG&SNB); 4, Pecatonica, 10 May (DTW); 4 (males), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 2, JP, 27 Apr & 4 May (AAA, JSM et al.). **LD**: 10 May, JP (DCA). **Other**: 4 Jun (2 singing males), JP (CBA, PRC) - "perhaps…wandering failed breeders rather than very late migrants" (PRC).

Worm-eating Warbler

EA: 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 16 Apr, The Forestry, University of Illinois, Urb. (DLT). **MC**: 9, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 6, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC) - **record high count north of Shelby Co**; 5, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 3, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 2, Fults Hill Pr NPsv (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS). **LD**: 30 May, JP (JSR); 12 May, Pelican Pouch (Clinton Co) (KAM); 11 May (male), Ray Norbut SFWA (Pike Co) (EWW).

Ovenbird

EA: 18 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 24 Apr, JP (PRC); 2 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 12, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (DFS); 10, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi, 19 May (GAW); 8, JP, 18 May (PRC); 7, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 6, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 6, Urb., 26 May (GSL). **LD**: 13 Jun, Grant P (KAS, DFS); 29 May (2), JP (JBH).

Northern Waterthrush

EA: 13 Apr, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 15 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 15 Apr, Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 19 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 27 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 28, LCal, 5 May (DFS); 20, JP, 26 Apr (PKD); 11, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM); 6, Ft Massac, 5 May (KAM); 4, Afton FP, 9 May (EWW). **LD**: 29 May (2), JP (JBH, RLS); 26 May (2), Urb. (GSL); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM).

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: 25 Mar (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 28 Mar (male), New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 1 Apr, JP (CBA) - record early for site (PRC); 5 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 5 Apr, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co) (EWW); 11 Apr (2), McClaughrey Springs Wds FP (Cook Co) (SF); 2 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 8, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 4, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 3, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 19 Apr (SDB, IOS); 3, Palos, 6 May (WSS). **LD**: 5 Apr, JP (PKD et al.). **Other**: 17 May (male), Hanover (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Urb. (SR); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 7 May, Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, Schaumburg (Cook Co) (SAC); 16 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 21, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 11, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 10, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW); 4, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 3 May (EWW, WSS); 3, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 30 May (JBH). **Others**: 17 May (2 males), Hanover (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 26 May, Rockfd (DTW).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 May, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 23 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 24 May, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 26 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA). **MC**: 11, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **record spring high count** by three birds, and **the only count greater than five birds outside Cook and Du Page Cos**; 3, Carl.C, 18 May (DMK, MSS); 2, Salt Crk Wds, 23 May (DFS). **LD**: 4 Jun, Rock Cut (DTW); 2 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Jun, Urb. (GSL); 31 May, JP (CBA); 31 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 27 May (female), Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 26 May, Rockfd (DTW); 26 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 24 May, Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co) (CLH, RES); 19 May, Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (KAM).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 4 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 5 May, Ft Massac (KAM); 8 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 9 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 10 May, Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 13 May (male), JP (PRC). **MC**: 13, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **record high count away from Chi lakefront** by one bird; 5 (4 males, 1 female), JP, 26 May (PRC); 5, Grant P, 30 May (DFS); 4, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 3, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 29 May (EWW). **LD**: 10 Jun, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 10 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC, CBA); 4 Jun, Rock Cut (DTW); 2 Jun (female), Grant P (DFS); 28 May (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 28 May, Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (BCW); 28 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 25 May, EStL (DMK, MSS); 25 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 24 May (male), Spunky Btms (Brown Co) (EWW); 24 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW); 17 May, Jackson Co (CLH).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 13 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 17 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (BGS); 19 Apr (8), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 23 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC**: 74, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 45, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 43, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 32, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 19, JP, 18 May (PRC). **LD**: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

Hooded Warbler

EA: **21 Mar**, Jackson Co (male) (*LW); **22-24 Mar** (ad. male), Carl.C (KAM:ph, DMK, MSS); **25 Mar** (male), Trail of Tears SF (Union Co) (KAM); **25 Mar** (male), Ft Massac (KAM) - **all record early arrival dates** and **the only March records since 1950** (with records that year on 27 Mar (male), **JP**, and 30 Mar, Crab Or.); 20 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Apr, Urb. (EJC); 26 Apr, JP (PKD, CBA); 27 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 5, Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv, Palos, 20 May (WSS, SF); 3, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (DFS). **LD**: **2 Jun** (female), Montrose H (RDH); 24 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Madison Co (FRH); 19 May (male), Hyde Park, Chi (PRC); 10 May (female-type), Eldon Hazlet SP (TAM). **Others**: 28 Apr (male), Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD); 4 May (ad. male), Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 17 May (male), Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort, Galena (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 25 May (territorial male), Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH). **Remarks**: The earliest dates other than the remarkable March records above are 5 Apr 1999, Larue-Pine Hills, and otherwise 9 Apr.

Wilson's Warbler

EA: 2 May, Urb. (EJC); 3 May, Merwin Savanna NPsv (McLean Co) (MJW); 5 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May, Clinton Co (DMK); 13 May (male), JP (PRC, OSM); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: **25**, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **record high count for c. IL**; 17, LeVasseur P, 22 May (JBH); 15, Chi, 17 May (GAW); **12**, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM) - **record high count for s. IL**. **LD**: 5 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2), JP (PRC, KMC); 2 Jun (3), Grant P (DFS); 29 May (1st year male), Kankakee (JBH); 26 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Canada Warbler

EA: **25 Apr**, Pomona (KAM, MSS) - **third earliest IL arrival** and **record early for s. IL**; 7 May, JP (SF); 10 May, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (GSL); 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 15 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, Carl.C (KAM); 17 May, Edwards Co (RES); 18 May, Ewing P, Bloomington (MJW). **MC**: **23**, Urb., 26 May (GSL) - **second highest spring count away from L Michigan shoreline**; 9, Foley Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co), 20 May (DRD); 8, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 5, JP, 29 May (JBH); 4, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May, JP (KDA); 24 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD). **Other**: 13 Jun (**territorial male**), Skokie R NPsv (Lake Co) (CEG). **Remarks**: "Most of this species I have ever seen in one spring season" (TJD).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 22 Apr (3), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr, Charleston (Coles Co) (LBH); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 27 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May, JP (OSM); 5 May (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD). **MC**: 9, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM); 8, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates through May (DMK, MSS); 3, IBSP, 17 May (DTW). **LD**: 12 May, JP (OSM). **Other**: 4 Jun ("probable breeder"), Rock Cut (DTW).

Summer Tanager

EA: 18 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr (male), Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co) (SDB, IOS); 20 Apr (male), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 25 Apr (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 3 May (at feeder), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 7, Larue-Pine Hills, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6 (4 males), Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co), 27 Apr (EWW); 6, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 6, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 6, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Siloam Springs, 21 May (KAM). **Others**: 5 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (SAC); 8-11 May (male), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (MKR, DTW et al.); 10 May (female), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (LGB *fide* DTW).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Apr, Piatt Co (CKA); 3 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 17 May, JP (OSM). **MC**: 19, Salt Crk Wds, 17 May (DFS); 13, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 27 Apr (GAW); 12 (7 males, 5 females), JP, 26 May (PRC, CBA); 8, Carl.C, 4 May (DMK, MSS); 6, Busey Wds, 6 May (EJC); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 5 Jun (female), Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun (2 - ad. male & imm. male), Montrose H (RDH, JWL); 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS).

Spotted Towhee at Montrose, Cook County. 12 May 2008. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

Clay-colored Sparrow in Palatine back yard, Cook County. 8 May 2008. Photo by Carolyn Fields.

WESTERN TANAGER

[EA: 4 May (male), LeVasseur P]. **LD**: 27-28 May (adult male photographed at feeder), Mahomet (Champaign Co) (D&MA:ph, *EJC, HP:ph).

Spotted Towhee

EA: 20 Apr, Clinton Co (MSS). **LD**: 12 May (male), Montrose H (EK, GAW, KHph, et al.).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 4 Mar (at feeder), Vermilion Co (JOS); 26 Mar (male), JP (PRC); 14 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 30, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 20 & 27 Apr (DMK, MSS); 21, Iroquois Co, 3 May (DFS); 20, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 6 (4 males, 2 females), JP, 23 May (PRC, KMC). **LD**: 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 20 May (female), JP (KDA).

BACHMAN'S SPARROW

[EA: 6 Apr, Dam East Recreation Area, Carl.C].

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 128, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 30, Carl. C, 9 Mar (DMK); 10, JP, 9 Mar (KMC); 8, Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co), 1 Mar (KAM); 8, Mermet L, 1 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 26 Apr, Meredosia NWR (Cass/Morgan Cos) (EWW); 20 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 19 Apr (4), Linc.P (GAW); 17 Apr, JP (PRC, JSM); 7 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (*fide* EJC); 6 Apr, McLean Co (MEF); 5 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 4 Apr, PrRdg (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Other**: 2 Mar (found dead in a bluebird box), Crab Or. (LW).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 14 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Mar (3), Massac Co (FKB); 23 Mar, Grundy Co (DFS); 29 Mar, Bloomington (AC *fide* MEF); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 6 Apr (3), JP (PRC, KMC); 6 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: **138**, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 64+, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 60, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 4, JP, 10 May (PKD, OSM). **LD**: 28 May, Linc.P (GAW); 13 May, JP (PRC). **Other** (undocumented): [**1 Mar** (**7**), Crab Or. – as this date falls earlier than expected for migrants, it meets the requirements for documentation of winter records, for which season a count of 7 is unprecedented.]

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: **19 Apr**, w. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 25 Apr, Bloomington (LA *fide* MEF); 26 Apr, Linc.P (CMA); 27 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 27 Apr, JP (SF); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW:ph); 3 May, Montrose H (GAW), 8 May, Palatine (Cook Co) (CFph). **MC**: **12** (8 territories), Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 2, Linc.P, 2 & 4 May (EWW, GAW); 2 (pair), LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH); 2, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 9 May (EWW); 2, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 22 May (SAC). **LD**: 20 May (2), Montrose H (KAM). **Other**: 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

Field Sparrow

EA: 12 Mar (15), Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW); 1 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MARMAR); 6 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 49, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 26, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 21, Grundy Co, 24 May (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 24 Mar & 5 & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 17, Linc.P, 19 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 31 May, Northerly Island, Chi (DFS).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: **9 Mar**, PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 23 Mar, HL (EWW); 23 Mar (3), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 2 Apr (3), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 5 Apr, McLean Co (TAM, MFD); 12 Apr (2), Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DRD); 14 Apr (3), Palos (WSS); 16 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 17 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 16, Miller Meadow, Maywood (Cook Co), 11 Apr (JSA); 10, Ford Co, 12 Apr (DFS); 7, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 5, Montrose H, 6 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 6 May, JP (OSM); 20 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 16 Apr, Funks Grove (McLean Co) (MJW); 16 Apr, Marion Co (CLH); 19 Apr, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); (2) 27 Apr, Loyola P (Cook Co) (SGSph). **MC**: 8 (4 males), Ray Norbut SFWA (Pike Co), 11 May (EWW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 7 (4 males), Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 5 (3 males), Cordes (Washington Co), 28 Apr (EWW); 4, Rock Island Co, 20 May (DFS); 3, sw. Jackson Co, 23 Apr (TAM); 3, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May (DTW); 2, e. Kankakee Co, 10 May (JBH). **LD**: 17 May, JP (CBA, SF); 13

May, Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 4 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 3 May, Montrose H (GAW).

LARK BUNTING

[17 Apr (female), Blackthorn Hill NPsv (Warren Co); 17 Apr (female), Sangchris L SP (Sgmn Co)].

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 14 Mar (2), Northerly Island, Chi (DFS); 20 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 Apr (7), Montrose H (GAW); 6 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 17 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: **136**, Chi, 17 May (GAW); 76, Northerly Island, Chi, 7 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 20 Apr (DMK, MSS); 28, Versailles (Brown Co), 11 May (EWW). **LD**: 4 Jun, JP (PRC); 31 May, Chi (EWW).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 17 Apr, JP (PRC, JSM); 17 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Apr (2), Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary LWR (Marion Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, Linc. P (CMA). **MC**: 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 27 May (MEF); 15, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 10, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 7, Rock Island Co, 20 May (DFS); 5, HL, 10 May (FRH); 4, Midewin Pr, 30 May (DRD); 3, Sugar River FP (Wbgo Co), 10 May (DTW). **LD**: 17 May, Chi (GAW); 17 May, JP (OSM).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: **31 Mar**, Grassy Slough LWR (Johnson Co) (KAM); 12 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TDF, IOS); 29 Apr, Crab Or. (LW); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 7 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 10 May, White Co (RES). **MC**: 11 (males), Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 10, Johnson Co, 25 Apr (KAM); 7+, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary LWR (Marion Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 5+, Lawrence Co, 25 May (CLH); 3, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 3 (males), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 13 May (EWW); 3, Kieselburg FP (Wbgo Co), 14 May (DTW); 3 (males), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 16 May (EWW). **Others**: 18 May, Rockfd (DTW); 21 May (2), Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 22 Mar, Baldwin L (EWW); 12 Apr, Clinton L (DeWitt Co) (TDF, IOS); 17 Apr Montrose H (NLph); 17 Apr, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (DJM); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 21 Apr, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 24 Apr, JP (SF, PRC). **LD**: 10 May (3), se. of Charleston (Coles Co) (DM); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 3 May, JP (OSM). **Other**: 12 Mar (overwintered?), Jackson Co (LW).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

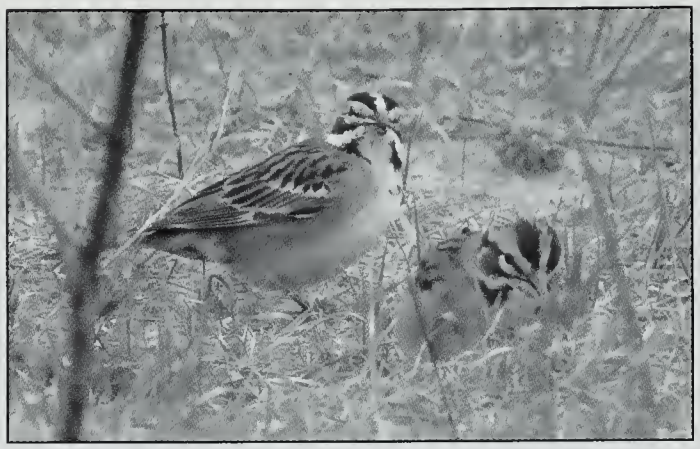
EA: 20 May, Montrose H (KAM); 27 May, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 May, PrRdg (CLH, RES). **LD**: 1 Jun, Montrose H (ABB); John Duffy FP (Cook Co) (RLS).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 23 Feb, Kennekuk Co P (Vermilion Co) (EWW); 3 Mar (4), Grant P (DFS); 3 Mar (2), Mode (Shelby Co) (KAF); 14 Apr, Boone Co (AEB, MAR). **MC**: 32, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Mar (MJW); 30, Carl. C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 24, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 5 Apr (WJM); 24, JP, 9 Apr (PRC); 20+, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co), 22 Mar (CLH); 12, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co), 22 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 25 Apr, JP (NLB, SF); 15 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Apr, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (DRD); 6 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 6 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

Song Sparrow

EA: 1 Mar, JP (EJG). **MC**: 248, Hennepin L, 22 Mar (DFS); 69, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 40, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 29, JP, 25 Mar (PRC); 22, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 7, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co), 9 Mar (DTW). **LD**: **10 Jun**, Grant P (DFS).



One of two Lark Sparrows at Loyola Park, Cook County. 27 April 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Harris's Sparrow at Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 9 March 2008. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

LeConte's Sparrow at Montrose, Cook County. 17 April 2008. Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 6 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 Apr, JP (PRC); 18 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 2 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 21, Grant P, 7 May (DFS); 15, Chi, 17 May (GAW); 4, HL, 9 May (KAM). **LD**: 4 Jun, JP (PRC); 30 May (2), Grant P (DFS); 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM).

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 11 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 22 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 2 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 112, Grant P & Northerly Island, Chi, 7 May (DFS); 74, Linc.P, 19 Apr (GAW); 25, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB, IOS); 18, Lyerla L (Union Co), 13 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 6 Apr (5), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 13 Apr (white-striped morph), JP (CBA). **MC**: 250 (at feeder), Rockfd, 26 Apr (BCW); 205, Grant P, 7 May (DFS); 78, Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 4 May (WJM); 66, Ft Massac, 22 Apr (KAM); 30, Carl. C, 3 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 2-3 Jun & **23 Jun** (ad.), Kankakee (JBH); **11 Jun**, Grant P (DFS); **8 Jun**, Rockfd (DTW); 3 Jun, Montrose H (JWL); 21 May (2), Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (KAM); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM).

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 7-9 May, Linc.P (FM, GAW, JWph); 8-12 May, w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (MHK); 8-10 May, Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (MKR, DTW); 8-11 May, McLean Co (DW et al.); 10 May, Midewin Pr (*CMA:ph); 10 May, Woodford Co (PF *fide* MEF); 10 May, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (SAC). **MC**: 2, McLean Co, 10 May (TEB: ph *fide* MEF). **Other** (wintered?): 9-15 Mar, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (EWWph, NLph, KAM, AFS et al.)

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 23 Apr, JP (NLB, JCA); 24 Apr, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (CAM); 26 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 30 Apr (4), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 125+, Montrose H, 2 May (EWW); 108, Grant P, 15 May (DFS); 68, HL, 10 May (FRH); 55, Mackinaw Bluffs, 10 May (MEF); 6, Shirland (Wbgo Co), 9 May (DTW). **LD**: 4 Jun, JP (PRC, CBA); 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 29 May, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (LBH, RDF, DM et al.); 23 May, Kankakee (JBH); 16 May, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **Other**: 3 Mar (2), Mode (Shelby Co) (KAF).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 4 Mar (8), JP (KMC). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 62, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 55, Mermet L, 1 Mar (KAM); 31, Linc.P, 19 Apr (GAW). **LD**: **29 May** (male), JP (RLS) - record late date for site by one day (PRC); **28 May**, Galesburg (Knox Co) (PR); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH:ph); 10 May (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 9 May, Bureau Co (DFS); 30 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 24-25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (CAT, TAM); 25 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 23 Apr, Pomona (KAM). **"Oregon" Junco**: 17 Apr (female), JP (PRC, JSM).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 28 Feb, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 900, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 28 Mar (JBH); 500, Emery Rd & Greenswitch Rd (Macon Co), 5 Apr (TAM, MFD); 200, La Salle Co, 2 Mar (DJS); 200, Carl.C, 8 Mar (DMK); 130, Lee Co, 8 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 3 May (1st year female), Warren Co (PR); 19 Apr (40), Champaign Co (SDB, IOS); 5 Apr (10), Lake Co (DRD); 9 Mar (120), PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 1 Mar, Massac Co (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 22 Mar (40), Pine & Maplewood Rds (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 27-28 Mar (3 - 1 male, 2 females), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 28 Mar

(38), PrRdg (CLH, RES); 1 Apr, Marion Co (RES); 2 Apr (8), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 50, Champaign Co, 19 Apr (SDB, IOS); 47+, PrRdg, 13 Apr (CLH); 40, De Kalb Co, 22 Mar, as above; 20, w. Iroquois Co, 12 Apr (DFS). **LD**: 3 May (4), near Victoria (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 20-21 Apr (10+), Sauer Pr (SAC, JJD); 20 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK:ph, MSS); 8 Apr (3), Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Snow Bunting

EA: 26 Feb, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 350, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 27 Feb (JBH); 8, Montrose H, 28 Feb (GAW). **LD**: 14 Mar, Northerly Island, Chi (DFS); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 1 Mar (2), Farm Ridge (La Salle Co) (EWW).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 74, Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co, 3 Mar (C&PD); 73, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 60, Carl. C, 8 & 24 Mar & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 15, JP, 6 Apr & 10 May (PRC, OSM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 18 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM, MSS); **19 Apr** (male), JP (KMC et al.) - **record early arrival for n. IL** by four days (and for site by six days); **22 Apr**, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 25 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 25 Apr (several at feeder), Urb. (JD). **MC**: **65**, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 30, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 25, Busey Wds, 2 May (EJC); 17, w. Jo Daviess Co, 17 May (EWW); 11, Rockfd, 28 Apr (BCW); 4, JP, 10 & 13 May (PRC, OSM). **LD**: 29 May, JP (JBH); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 20 Apr, HL (FRH); 22 Apr, Massac Co (KAM); 3 May, ec. Edgar Co (EWW); 4 May (2), Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 6 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 May (female), Loyola P, Cook Co (SGSph); 8-9 May, nw. Wbgo Co (MHK, LGB). **MC**: 8, Wildcat Bluff Access, Heron Pond NPsv, 24 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Carl.C, 10 & 30 May (KAM, DMK, MSS); 4, EStL, 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS). **LD**: 17 May (female), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 16 May (male), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 12 May (at feeder), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (MHK); 10 May (2), Midewin Pr (CMA).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 13 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr, w. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 Apr, Urb. (SR); 28 Apr, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 1 May (5), Rockfd (DTW); 10 May (4), JP (OSM). **MC**: 80, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 80, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 60, Salt Crk Wds, 17 May (DFS); 19, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 12, Rockfd, 8 May (BCW); 5, JP, 25 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 28 May (8), Linc.P (GAW); 13 May (female at feeder), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM).

Painted Bunting

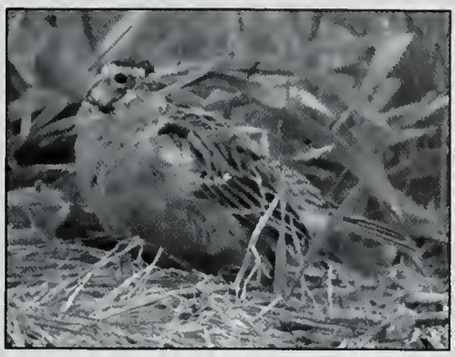
EA: 9 & 25-31 May (male), EStL (KAM, DMK, MSS, IOS). **Others** (outside of EStL breeding site): 28 Apr-2 May (female at feeder), w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (RC, MK:ph); 13 May (ad. male at feeder), Harrisburg (Saline Co) (KS:ph).

Dickcissel

EA: 20 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 27 Apr (2), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD); 27 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 13 May, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 May (3), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW). **MC**: 60, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 60, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 30, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 31 May (DMK, MSS, IOS); 22, Massac Co, 5 May (KAM); 10, Midewin Pr, 30 May (DRD). **Other**: 7 Jun, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

Bobolink

EA: **19 Apr**, w. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS) - **record early for n. IL** by two days; 23 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 26 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr (10), Quincy Bay SFWA (Adams Co) (AGD); 27 Apr (2 males), HL (EWW); 3 May (male), JP (JSR, PAD); 4 May (3), Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co) (DRD); 4 May (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 6 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Lake of the Wds FP (Champaign Co) (LC); 9 May (2), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: **256+** (70% males), Kise Crossing (Monroe Co), 12 May (EWW); 100+, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 56, American Btms, 10 May (C&PD); 36, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 21, Union Co, 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 10 (males), McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH). **LD**: 4 Jun (female), JP (PRC); 26 May (4), Rockfd (DTW); 24 May (8), Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS); 23 May (2 female), Sandusky (Pulaski Co) (SDB).



Smith's Longspur at IOS field trip, Champaign County. 19 April 2008. Photo by Mike Thelen.

Blue Grosbeak at Loyola Park, Chicago, Cook County. 6 May 2008. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 5 Mar (2 males), JP (PRC). **MC**: 8000, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK); 7000, LeVasseur P, 2 Mar (JBH); 5113, American Btms, 26 Mar (C&PD); 2240, Oglesby (La Salle Co), 22 Mar (DFS); 1100, New Philadelphia (McDonough Co), 2 Mar (LLH); 300, JP, 1 Apr (PRC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 24 Feb (2), Marshall (Clark Co) (EWW); 2 Mar, JP (EJG); 2 Mar (4), McDonough Co (LLH); 5 Mar, Northerly Island, Chi (DFS); 9 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 16 Mar (4), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: 110, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 21 Mar (DMK); 74, Ford & Iroquois Cos, 12 Apr (DFS); 22, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 3, JP, various dates (PRC et al.). **LD**: 16 Apr (3), JP (PRC, KMC).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 1-8 Mar, Wringe Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 9 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM); 16 Mar, nw. Whiteside Co (EWW); 21 Mar, s. of La Salle L (La Salle Co) (DJS); 2 Apr, Momence Sod Farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 12 Apr-17 May, Sand Ridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS, KAM). **MC**: 4, Kane Co, 26 May (DFS); 2, Santa Fe Btms, 15 Mar (DMK); 2, E Cape Girardeau, 23 Apr (KAM). **LD**: **17 May**, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM) - **latest departure date outside n. IL**; 23-26 Apr (male), Ditch Rd rice fields (Alexander Co) (KAM, TAM, DTW, IOS). **Others**: 1-8 Mar, Wringe Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 29 Mar, Pope Twp (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS); 12 Apr, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (DRD); 20 Apr, Dunham Rd Sod Farm (McHenry Co) (RMB); 19 May (male), Nachusa Grs (EWW).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 20 Apr (male), Garden Prairie Rd (Boone Co) (RMB); 20 Apr (male), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 2 May (female), Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 5, Hennepin L, 10 May (DFS); 5 (males), Fulton (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW); 4, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 4 & 13 May (DRD, EWW); 3 (males), Eggers Wds FP, LCal, 4 May (WJM). **Others**: 15 May (southbound pair along lakefront), Winthrop H (EWW); 17 May (female-type), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 19 May (female), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW); 20 May, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (KAM, CAT).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 4 Mar (6), LeVasseur P (JBH); 11 Mar (300+), Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 13 Mar (5 - 3 males, 2 females), JP (KMC); 16 Mar (24), Pecatonica (DTW); 20 Mar, Urb. (EJC). **MC**: **500+**, Chauncey Marsh NPsv (Lawrence Co), 21 Mar (CLH); 400, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 250, e. Stephenson Co, 16 Mar (DTW); 235, Grundy Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 130, Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co), 27 Mar (CMA); 100+, Massac Co, 31 Mar (KAM); 45+, Annawan (Henry Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 45+, Iroquois L (Iroquois Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 45, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 22 Mar (MJW). **LD**: 26 Apr, E Cape Girardeau (KAM, MSS, IOS); 15 Apr (male), JP (PRC, SF); 14 Apr, HL (FRH); 12-13 Apr (40), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 2 Apr (5), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **Remarks**: "This was easily my best spring for this species with 50+ birds on 7 occasions" (DFS).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 2 Mar (8), Carl.C (DMK); 9 Mar (20), PrRdg (Marion Co) (DMK); 18 Mar (male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 23 Mar (5), Grundy Co (DFS). **MC**: **800**, Carl.C, 24 Mar (DMK, MSS); 150+, Marion Co, 8 Apr (CLH); 43 (35 males), Beaver Creek (Bond Co), 9 Apr (EWW); 8, IBSP, 1 May (EWW) & 10 May (RDH). **LD**: 24 Apr (male), Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (LBH et al.); 22 Apr (4), Marion Co (CLH); 22 Apr (4 - 2 pairs), IBSP (JWL); 20 Apr (60), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 20 Apr, HL (FRH); 13 Apr (25+), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 13 Apr (2), nw. Henry Co (EWW).

Common Grackle

EA: 16 Feb, El Paso (McLean Co) (MJW); 2 Mar (10), New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 5 Mar (male), JP (PRC). **MC**: 12,000, Carl.C, 15 Mar (DMK); 4930, Oglesby (La Salle Co), 22 Mar (DFS); 200, JP, 1 Apr (PRC).

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 2 Mar (2 males), New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 18 Mar, JP (JSM); 22 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 318, Hennepin L, 4 Apr (DFS); 310, Montrose H, 6 Apr (GAW); 160+, Wauk., 30 Mar (EWW); 80 (first flocks), Pecatonica, 16 Mar (DTW); 68, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH).

Orchard Oriole

EA: 18 Apr (4), Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 2 May (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, Rainbow Beach, Chi (GAW); 4 May (pair), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 30, Levee Rd (Union Co), 24 May (DMK, MSS); 19, Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co, 20 May (C&PD); 4, Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 4, Rockfd, 26 May (DTW); 3 (2 males, 1 female), JP, 25 May (PRC, CBA). **LD**: 25 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA); 21 May, Linc.P (GAW).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: **15 Apr**, LeVasseur P (JBH) - **record early outside s. IL** by four days; **22 Apr**, Boone Co (AEB, MAR) - second earliest for n. IL; 22 Apr (2), Massac Co (KAM); 24 Apr (male), JP (OSM); 24 Apr, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr (3), Rockfd (BCW); 29 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 46, Bureau Co, 10 May (DFS); 25, Clinton Co, 10 May (DMK); 20, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 15, JP, 25 May (PRC); 13, Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co, 14 May (C&PD). **LD**: 2 Jun (male), Grant P (DFS); 26 May (12), Montrose H (GAW). **Remarks**: Abundant this year (AEB).

Purple Finch

EA: **6 Mar**, Boone Co (AEB, MAR); 15 Mar (5 at feeder), Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (male), Carl.C (KAM); 16 Apr (2 males), JP (SF). **MC**: 16, Vermilion Co, 19 Apr (SDB); 8, Pomona, 13 & 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, Palos, 1 May (WSS); 4, LeVasseur P, 13 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 1 Mar (DMK); 3, JP, 25 Apr (PRC). **LD**: **10 Jun** (female), Linc.P (LGM); 15 May (female), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 13 May (female), Lake Co (DRD); 12 May (2 at feeder), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (MHK); 9 May, Pratts Wayne FP (Du Page Co) (SAC); 25 Apr-5 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 5 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 2 May (2), Walnut Point SP (Douglas Co) (EWW); 30 Apr, Linc.P (GAW); 28 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 27 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 25 Apr (2), Humiston Wds (Livingston Co) (EWW).

House Finch

MC: 29, River Forest (Cook Co), 29 May (DFS).

Red Crossbill

MC: 27, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 10 May (SAC). **LD**: 22 Mar (4 - 1 male, 3 females), Washington Co CA (**Washington Co**) (MSS) - the only report from s. IL in the spring seasonal summaries since a June record in 1986.

Common Redpoll

MC: **30+**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 15 Mar (KAM); 13, River Forest (Cook Co), 24 Mar (JSA). **LD**: 16 Mar, Calumet Park (Cook Co) (CMA, SF, WSS:ph); 11 Mar (5), Bartel Gr (s. Cook Co) (DFS); 1 Mar, Urb. (DLT).

HOARY REDPOLL

[LD: 22-24 Mar, River Forest (Cook Co); 16-20 Mar (photographed at feeder), Calumet Park (Cook Co)**].**

Pine Siskin

EA: 15 Mar, Miss. Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 18-19 Mar (3), Galesburg (Knox Co) (PR); 4 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS, KAM). **MC**: 20, Crystal L P, Urb., 20 Mar (EJC); 5, Kankakee, 30 Mar (JBH); 3, Montrose H, 17 May (GAW). **LD**: 21 May, Linc.P (GAW); 17 May, JP (JlE, NLB, JDW); 13 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 13 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Crystal L P, Urb. (GSL); 4 May, McLean Co (JM *fide* MEF); 28 Apr (3), Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (EWW); 27 Apr (2 at feeder), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS). **Others**: 16 Mar (2), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 4 Apr (at feeder), Carlyle (Clinton Co) (MSS, KAM); 20 Apr, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH).

American Goldfinch

MC: 186, Miss. R blufflands, Monroe Co, 28 Mar (C&PD); 115, Coffeen L (Montgomery Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 27, JP, 10 May (PKD, PRC). **LD**: 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

House Sparrow

MC: **915**, River Forest (Cook Co), 19 May (DFS) - **record high count for spring**; 222, Linc.P, 9 Mar (GAW); 107, LCal, 10 May (WJM, MLB); 72, Clinton Co, 10 May (KAM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 32, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 26 Apr (EWW); 19, McDonough Co, 10 May (LLH); 13, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 16 Mar (EWW); 12, HL, 21 May (KAM). **LD**: 22 Mar, Funks Grove (McLean Co) (MJW); 9 Mar (at feeder), **Rockfd** (S&PO, DTW et al.). **Others**: 16 May (2), Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW); 20 May, ne. of Cordova (**Rock Island Co**) (DFS).

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Muscovy Duck

23 May (white variant), Wauk. (EWW).

Whooping Crane

16 May, Vermilion Grove (Vermilion Co) (GW, m.ob. ph).

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